

The Empire of the United States
(Why it's not Specifically Mentioned in Bible Prophecy)

DEDICATION

To my darling wife Jan who, as the wind beneath my wings, enables me to soar like an eagle;
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INTRODUCTION

The title of this book refers to the United States as an empire which may be a reference in which you've never heard in connection with the United States. This is because even though the United States has many characteristics of an empire, it does not literally fit the traditional definition of an empire. Merriam Webster defines an empire as a major political unit having a territory of great extent or a number of territories or peoples under a single sovereign authority; *especially* one having an emperor as chief of state (italics mine). This definition implies political, economic, social, religious, and military control over nations, states and/or other territories. As such, the United States does not technically fit this definition.

However, because of the United States having greater wealth than any other nation in history, strongest military, largest economy, and greatest influence, many have, and still do refer to the United States as an empire, thus the title "The Empire of the United States." In fact, other than the territorial domination and being ruled by an emperor as chief as stated in Webster's definition, the United States would fit the definition of an empire. Even so, some people believe that the United States is an imperial nation and as such does have territorial domination over other nations; and therefore, refer to the country as the Empire of the United States. Therefore, we take the liberty of referring to the United States as an empire in this title. Be that as it may, historically, all empires have a limited life span and, in this sense, biblically speaking so does the United States.

There is a lot going on in the world today and many people are sensing that something is dreadfully wrong in our nation, the United States. Some reports show that as many as 88% of the citizens in the United States believe that our country is headed in the wrong direction.

We see our governmental officials arguing and attacking each other while getting little or nothing accomplished that would benefit the citizens of the country or the nation as a whole. We see economic and financial problems at a greater magnitude than ever before. We see our nation becoming more and more secular as it moves further away from God and biblical principles. We see more and more people asking questions like, “Are we living in the last days?” Or, “Are we facing Armageddon?” Or, “Is the U.S. going broke?” And even though most of the other developed countries are also in bad shape, everyone’s eyes are on the United States. This is because the United States has been the major dominating force among nations in the world for decades. The United States has been the dominant economic, military, and political power in the world for many years. However, in the past three or four decades, the United States has undergone massive changes; and even more so in the past five or ten years, so everyone’s eyes are on this country. So where does the United States fit in with other nations as we move closer and closer toward the end of this age?

To accurately answer that question, we must go to the Bible, God’s written Word to mankind, and carefully read what is prophesied. Bible Prophecy is one of those areas of theology that most churches devote little or no time to; and there are several reasons given for this. One is that some Christians who study prophecy get side-tracked with it and the only thing that they begin to think about is prophecy while excluding all other Biblical subjects and doctrines. Prophecy begins to dominate their lives and they begin setting dates, identifying the antichrist, interpreting signs and other such activities. Some churches don’t teach prophecy because they’ve gotten abused or hurt in the past with false prophetic interpretations. Pastors and other church leaders got so involved in church prophecy until that is all they taught, and many made serious errors in their teachings. They prophesied certain events to take place but when these events did not occur, people were disappointed and hurt. Many had their faith shaken and some people even stopped going to church altogether. Then there are some churches that stay away from prophecy because they don’t feel comfortable teaching it. Bible Prophecy requires a great deal of time in studying and researching because there are 15 Prophetic books in the Bible and these books need to be studied in conjunction with each other (as well as the rest of the Bible) to see how they interrelate and complement each other. Then there are symbols and signs that must be interpreted. There are also historical events in which students and teachers of prophecy should become aware. So some churches prefer not to venture into all of this. Then there are some churches that believe prophecy is not all that relevant to Christian living.

Still the church is required to teach the whole Word of God (Acts 20:26-27). If we are to teach the whole Word of God, we cannot ignore the large percentage of prophecy found in the Bible. Twenty-seven percent of the Bible is composed of prophecy and we cannot really ignore 27% of the Bible – that’s 8,352 verses in the Bible that is prophetic. Furthermore, 5 times in the gospel of Mark Jesus tells us to watch out, be on guard, when we see certain things happening, the end is near, even right at the door. He mentions a variety of events to look for in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. But not only that, in Paul’s second letter to Timothy, he told him that *all* Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for

reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16). This “all” includes the 27% of the Bible that is prophecy. But there are also other tremendous benefits in studying Bible prophecy: (1) Prophecy is evidence that God exists. There are more than 100 prophecies about Jesus Christ in the Bible that have been fulfilled right down to the T. (2) Prophecy gives us hope for the future. When we look at what God has prophesied for us in the future – getting rid of sin, sickness, and death, getting rid of evil, setting up a world ruling Kingdom and giving all of us positions to serve Him - it gives us great hope and assurance for the future. (3) Prophecy encourages a lifestyle of integrity. Because we know what is going to happen in the future, it motivates us to live a life of holiness in the present. This brings us peace, contentment, and joy right here now on earth.

With this in mind then, it is important for those of us who are pastors, teachers, and other church leaders to see that our parishioners receive some prophetic messages so that we can more effectively adhere to the whole Word of God. There is just so much happening in the world today and many questions being asked that can only be answered through prophetic teaching. Therefore, we believe it is helpful to at least periodically keep ourselves aware of what’s going on in the world from a biblical and prophetic perspective. Some of us have been in churches that specialized in Bible prophecy but was later found to be in error. However, we should not let these bad experiences deter us from pursuing the truth and studying Bible prophecy. Daniel made it clear that we would increase in prophetic knowledge as we move closer and closer to the end times. This inevitably means that there would be a lack of knowledge and understanding earlier on. Instead of running away from Bible prophecy we should find reputable Bible prophecy scholars and verify that what is being taught is biblically accurate. Also, we should make sure that whatever sources we use to study are valid sources from highly respected theologians and scholars. And third, make sure that as we use these sources, we verify the information by first studying the scriptures then checking other sources (e.g., extrabiblical sources).

After hearing so much faulty and conflicting messages on Bible prophecy, specifically end-time prophecy (eschatology) I was convinced that no one knew what they were talking about and began to ignore that part of Scripture altogether. However, after pursuing a deep interest and study in Christian Apologetics, I found just what I was looking for. In its simplest definition, Christian Apologetics is a branch of theology that gives a rational defense of the Christian faith. This means that one must defend the whole Bible (1 Peter 3:15, Matt. 4:4) so a study of Bible prophecy is also necessary and required. I began reading the prophetic writings of some of the well-known and respected prophecy scholars and Christian Apologists; Dr. David Reagan, Dr. Jimmy DeYoung, Dr. Mark Hitchcock, Dr. John Walwood, Dr. Norman Geisler, Dr. Ron Rhodes, and several others who did a considerable amount of work on the doctrine of eschatology. And as I began reading these different works, I was pleasantly surprised how much agreement and consensus it was on the interpretation of Bible prophecy. God has really revealed many of the mysteries and answered many of the questions that were asked for hundreds of years. I found that virtually every credible prophecy theologian and Christian apologist who worked in this area are in complete

agreement with the main points of Biblical prophecy. Of course, there are some differences on minor insignificant points, but we can now be sure that the main information we have is valid and authentic. I was very excited about this, and I began a deeper study and concentration in this area.

Today, there is several prophecy conferences held in the United States each year with noted top prophecy scholars from around the world making presentations. I have read many of their books and other works and learned that the number one question asked at these conferences is where is the United States mentioned in Bible prophecy? It is believed that a nation that has been as dominant and wealthy as the United States has to be mentioned somewhere in Bible prophecy. Furthermore, according to the 1892 Supreme Court in the case of the Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States, the US is a Christian nation. This does not mean that the United States only accepts members of the Christian faith or that everyone in the nation is a Christian. It means that the founding documents for the United States are based on biblical principles and teachings. Indeed, there is overwhelming evidence for this. So how can a Christian nation not be mentioned in Bible prophecy? In this book, we bring sufficient light to this topic that we pray will answer this and related questions.

In Chapter 1, we explain how all nations are created by God. Chapter 2 explains how and why the United States was started and explains some of the specific blessings God gave the United States. In Chapter 3 and 4 we show a variety of ways the United States has, and continues to rebel against God. Chapter 5 gives examples of nations in which God gave warnings and judgments. Chapters 6 shows remedial judgments God has brought and is bringing on the United States; and explains how we know it is God inflicting these judgments. Chapter 7 shows government confusion and chaos and gives several examples of injustices being carried out in the country. Chapter 8 shows additional curses, confusion, and rebuke God is bringing on the United States. Chapter 9 provides a list of the nations specifically mentioned in the Bible and what people are represented in these nations today. Chapter 10 shows how the United States is currently in a dangerous status in a variety of ways. We conclude in Chapter 11 by showing why, even at this point, there is hope for America and what followers of Jesus Christ should be doing to help save this nation. All Scriptures used in the book are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

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CHAPTER 1 How Nations are Started

*He makes nations great, and destroys them;
He enlarges nations, and guides them (Job 12:23).*

Only God Creates Nations

It is important to understand that it is God and God alone who creates nations (Gen. 1:1; Acts 17:26) and uses all nations He created to accomplish His purpose (Rev. 17:16-17). God executed His plans to establish nations right from the beginning of creation of the first human beings, Adam and Eve. He created Adam and Eve then tested them by giving Adam instructions to not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:15-17). It is important to note here that God knew what they would do but wanted *them* to see what they would do. Adam and Eve sinned and failed the test, which brought death and judgment on

them, and all their descendants (Gen. 3). Their son Cain sinned by killing his brother Abel (Gen. 4:1-8) and started a civilization that eventually became evil. This civilization brought wickedness and violence which filled the earth, so God sent a flood that killed everyone on earth except 8 people: Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives (Gen. 7-8).

In the meantime, God was developing a godly nation of people through Noah to fulfill His promise to bring a Savior into the world (Gen. 3:15). After the flood, God blessed Noah and his sons and commanded them to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth (Gen. 9:1). Instead of obeying God's commands to "fill the earth", they gathered in one central location and multiplied, which was in direct disobedient to God's command to "fill the earth." Because of this God confused their language causing them to separate into different groups, migrate to different parts of the world and ultimately became various nations.

Genesis chapter 10, commonly referred to as the Table of Nations, is a list of the patriarchal founders of seventy nations which descended from Noah through his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and showed that the world was populated by Noah's descendants. Of the seventy nations there were twenty-six descended from Shem, thirty from Ham, and fourteen from Japheth. Notice how Moses describes it in Genesis:

These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood (Gen. 10:32).

Genesis Chapter 11 recounts their division at Babel and God in His sovereignty continued to create and develop all nations.

Nation of Israel; How, When, and Why

As stated earlier, God created all nations and uses them to fulfill His plan and purpose, i.e., He has a specific and general purpose for every nation. God's general purpose for all nations is to make it convenient for everyone to seek Him, and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This is His overall, general plan and purpose for everyone in every nation (1 Peter 3:9). His specific purpose is unique to each nation and when we read through the Scriptures and look at the history of various nations, we can see that His specific purpose almost always centers around a nation's relationship with Israel, His chosen nation. For example, He called some nations to bless Israel, some nations to test Israel, some nations to discipline Israel, and some nations to judge Israel.

Since God creates all nations and uses them for His purpose, and the most prominent and important nation God established was the nation of Israel, we believe understanding the origin and some of the history of the nation of Israel is important in our explaining on why the United States is not specifically mentioned in Bible prophecy.

This nation of Israel is mentioned more than any other nation in the Bible and the Jewish people are referred to in the Bible as God's chosen people (Deut. 14:2). God used the Jewish People to be a light to the Gentiles, to bring the Holy Scriptures, and to bring our Savior Jesus Christ into the world. However, He chose the Jewish people, not because of any inherent good in them or that they were plenty in number, but because of their Patriarch Abraham, and later his sons Isaac and Jacob. He described His reason for their choosing in Deuteronomy:

“For you *are* a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.” (Deut. 7:6-8).

From this passage of Scriptures, we can simply say that God chose Israel for two reasons: (1) because of a promise He made to Abraham, and (2) because of God's faithful love, and He never breaks a promise. God made this promise to Abraham very early in the book of Genesis by establishing a covenant with Abraham.

Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,

From your family

And from your father's house,

To a land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,

And I will curse him who curses you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen. 12:1-3).

This covenant laid out a three-fold plan that God had for Abraham and his descendants: God would (1) give him land, (2) make him a great nation, and (3) bless the world because of Abraham's obedience. Part of this covenant include a promise for land (vs 1) that God promised to Abraham. God promised Sarah that she would have a son and years later, Isaac was born to Sarah and Abraham, making Isaac an heir to the promise land (Gen. 21:1-3). God also reiterated the promise of the land to Isaac's son Jacob and to Jacob's twelve sons and their descendants (Gen. 28:13-14; Exo. 33:1-3). Furthermore, God gave this land to them “forever.” (Joshua 14:9). This meant that nothing and no one could prevent the Jewish people from obtaining and keeping the land for all eternity. This land that God promised Abraham

and his descendants today would include all of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of Iraq, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of Egypt and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of Saudi Arabia. In fact, the land that Israel current possess is estimated to be only about 10% of what God originally promised the Jewish people. This current land ownership is approximately 10,425 square miles, which includes 172 square miles of inland water; stretches 263 miles from north to south, and its width ranges from 71 miles to, at its narrowest point, which is 9.3 miles.

Another part of the promise is that the whole world would be blessed through Abraham's descendants because of Abraham's obedience and God's love. This is a tremendous blessing that God gave not only to Abraham's descendants, but to the *entire world*. *We al, jews and gentiles* are still benefiting from blessings God gave to Abraham and his descendants. Jacob's 12 sons, Abraham's great, great, grandchildren became the forefathers of the twelve tribes of Israel. Through a series of events, they found themselves going down to Egypt, being held as slaves, and God sent Moses to bring them out. Moses brought them out but did not get them into the Promise Land. They came into the Promise Land under Joshua after spending 40 years in the wilderness for disobedience. When they were with Moses, God gave them statutes and laws to live by which included civil laws, criminal laws, dietary laws, and the 10 Commandments. God told them that if they obeyed Him, He would bless them but if they disobeyed Him, He would curse them, which included driving them out of the Promise Land (Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28).

The first king over these tribes was Saul (40 years), then David (40 years) then David's son Solomon. After King Solomon died the 12 tribes split up with ten tribes to the north and Jeroboam as king. The other two tribes, Benjamin and Judah remained in the south with Rehoboam (Solomon's son) as King. The northern ten Tribes were called Israel and the two southern tribes were called Judah and became known as the Jews (2 Kings 16:6, 25:25). Today, however, the name Jews is commonly applied to all of Abraham's descendants, the ten Northern Tribes and the two Southern Tribes. The ten Northern Tribes began breaking God's laws and God sent prophets to warn them but they did not change. God brought the Assyrians against them in 722 BC and drove them out of the land. The two Southern Tribes were obedient for over a hundred years afterwards but eventually fell into sin, and God brought the Babylonians against them, and they were driven from the land in 586 BC.

God promised them through His prophets He would bring them back into the land which He did, and they stayed in the land for 400 years, went back into sin, and God brought the Romans against them in 70 AD. This time the Jews were scattered all over the world as God had prophesied. God also promised that He would bring them back into their land in the end times and began bringing them back in 1897 under the Zionist Movement by a Hungarian Jew named Theodor Hertz. The Jews began coming back into the land in greater numbers during WW1 and in much greater numbers in WW2, during and after the holocaust. On May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel stood up in Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, Israel and announced to the world that Israel had become a nation again.

They were immediately attacked the same day by 5 Arab Muslim nations and even though they were grossly outnumbered, God gave them the victory. In 1967 there was a six-day War where the Jews were attacked by 3 Muslim nations, Egypt, Syria, and Jordan. Again, God gave Israel the victory and this time, the Jews did more than just won the war. They were super victorious as they took back territories that was previously given to Arab Muslims. This included the Gaza Strip and Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank, including East Jerusalem from Jordan, and the Golan Heights from Syria. Six years later, in 1973 the Yom Kippur War was fought, and Israel won by defeating a coalition of Arab attacks led by Egypt and Syria. Since this time there has been hundreds of other attacks and battles, but God continued to give the Jewish people the victories in every one of these wars and battles.

In history as the Jewish people were being attacked, their Temples were also destroyed. The first Temple was destroyed in 586 BC by the Babylonians and the second Temple was destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans. Currently, the Jewish people do not have a Temple in which to worship but plans are underway to build the next Temple. This third Temple is commonly referred to in Christianity as the Tribulation Temple since much of the activities that will happened there is prophesied for the 7-year Tribulation.

There have been many empires in the past, all have come and gone for various reasons. The major empires mentioned or referred to in the Bible include the Egyptian Empire, the Assyrian Empire, the Babylonian Empire, Persian Empire, the Greco-Macedonian Empire, and the Roman Empire. Below we demonstrate how God removed certain empires from the time of Daniel. These are examples of how God raises nations up and brings them down.

Babylonian Empire

About 600 years before Jesus was born the Babylonian Empire (Iraq today) was the most powerful and wealthiest kingdom in the world. It was headed by a forceful and prideful king named Nebuchadnezzar. In a series of attacks, King Nebuchadnezzar seized Jerusalem, took the prophets Daniel, Ezekiel, and other skillful Jews captive to Babylon to serve in his court. He also took sacred objects and vessels from the Temple back to Babylon with him. One night while sleeping in his palace, King Nebuchadnezzar had a frightening dream. He didn't know what the dream meant so he called in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers but none of them were able to interpret the dream. Finally, Daniel was brought in and interpreted the dream for the king. In part, Daniel said the following:

This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses. "And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be

assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules. Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.” (Dan. 4:24-27).

After King Nebuchadnezzar was removed, his son Belshazzar became King and had Daniel interpret the view he and his party saw of a handwriting on the wall. Daniel informed the King that he had been found wanting (sinning against God and His people) and his Kingdom would be taken from him (Dan. 5:11-30). Furthermore, in addition to Daniel, God had Isaiah and Jeremiah prophesy that the Medes and Persians would overtake the Babylonian Empire. Isaiah, speaking for God said, “Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And *as for gold*, they will not delight in it; Also *their* bows will dash the young men to pieces...” (Isa. 13:17-18) . Jeremiah prophesying for God said, “Make the arrows bright! Gather the shields! The Lord has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan *is* against Babylon to destroy it, because it *is* the vengeance of the Lord. The vengeance for His temple.” (Jer. 51:11). The Lord brought vengeance against the Babylonians for His people Judah and what they did to His Temple. The Babylonian Empire was seized by the Persian Empire and fell in 539 BC after 87 years.

Persian Empire

The Persian Empire was made up of Medes and Persians and is sometimes referred to as the Medo-Persian Empire. From 539 BC to 331 BC, the Persian Empire was the most powerful state in the world, stretching from Egypt to India; having abundant rich resources of water, fertile farmland, and gold. Under Cyrus the Great and Darius I, it became the largest empire in human history up to that point. It ruled and administered most of the known world and spanned the European, Asian, and African continents. Today, Persia is synonymous with modern Iran and this nation just recently changed its name to Iran in 1935. In 539 BC Darius, conquered Babylon without a fight and by 538 BC, Mesopotamia and Judah were under Persian rule. The Persian Empire continued to expand as it later took control of Egypt and Libya. The Empire began to decline under the reign of Darius’s son, Xerxes who depleted the royal treasury with an unsuccessful campaign to invade Greece. He continued spending lavishly after returning and the Empire continue to decline. Persia was eventually conquered by Alexander the Great in 334 B.C.

Greek Empire

Alexander the Great was born in 356 BC, reigned for 13 years, and died at the young age of 32. However, in his short life span, he overthrew the entire Persian Empire: Asia Minor, Persia, Egypt and everything in between, including Israel. His legendary conquest of nearly the entire known world resulted in one of the largest empires in ancient history. In 330 BC Alexander the Great defeated King Darius III and maintained the basic structure of the Medo-Persian Empire until his death in 323 BC but his defeat of Darius marked the end of the Medo-Persian Empire. Alexander died undefeated in battle and left no heirs, so his empire was divided among his four

generals, Ptolemy, Cassander, Seleucus, and Antigones. This division eventually led to fighting between the divided generals and weakened their forces. A sequence of civil wars further weakened Ancient Greece making it that much easier for Rome to conquer them centuries later. While Ancient Greece was declining, the Roman Empire was rising as the new power in Europe and began to conquer the neighboring lands with the purpose of enlarging the size of the empire. Eventually, in the year 146 BC, Rome made its way to Ancient Greece and the Greek civilization, already weakened was conquered by what would later be called the Roman Empire.

Roman Empire

While the Bible does not specifically identify the fourth empire as the Roman Empire, historians and Bible scholars have identified it as such and based on available evidence Rome fits like a tailored glove. Rome grew and consumed territory that extended from the Atlantic Ocean on the west to the Euphrates River in what we know today as the Middle East. Rome has tremendous influence on the modern world in many difference areas. This influence includes law, philosophy, architecture, religion, and forms of government. Perhaps you've heard the old saying that "Rome wasn't built in a day." This is certainly true, and this also applies to Rome's demise – "Rome's demise didn't happen in one day." There were a series of actions, sinful activities, and bad decisions that took place and led to the fall of the Roman Empire. Rome began expanding its empire, which is not unusual with government because of the nature of man (Jer. 17:9). There was massive overspending and the gap between wealthy and poor grew ever wider. Syndicated columnist and author Cal Thomas stated this problem as follows:

"In the city of Rome and surrounding areas, common people suffered from living in a nation whose ruling class cared more about what was over the next horizon than what was on the people's super table. The gap between the standard of living of average people and that of the aristocracy grew wider (Sound familiar?). As would occur centuries later in Africa, Britain, and America, slavery contributed much to the Roman economy, but the working classes received little. Unrest and revolution followed, put down by military force. It was during this period that Rome made the transition from republic to an empire."¹

Rome's decline took approximately 300 years and as the Roman Empire became weaker, it ultimately "succumbed to Barbarian invasions because of the gradual loss of civic virtue among its citizens."² Since that time, there have been the Byzantine Empire, Arab Empire, Spanish Empire, Ottoman Empire, British Empire, Russian Empire, all have come and gone.

British Empire

¹ Cal Thomas, *America's Expiration Date; The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States*; 48-49.

² *Ibid.* 49.

We believe it may be helpful to say a little about the British Empire and the Russian Empire since their demise is comparatively more recent in history. The British began to build its empire in the 16th century largely through the process of imperialism. Imperialism is a policy or practice of a nation to increase its power by gaining control over other nations or territories of the world. This may be accomplished through diplomatic and/or military means. It is generally followed by introducing new people, practices, rules and laws to their “new lands” and the use of its resources for their own gain, a process called colonialism. This is what Britain did and at its height it became the largest empire in the history of the world. At its peak it held sovereign power over 412 million people which represented 23 percent of the world population at the time. By 1920 it covered approximately 13,700,000 square miles which was 24 percent of the earth’s total land surface. There was an old saying that went, “the sun never sets on the British Empire.” How true, as the sun sets in the west, while the British Empire covered territories in the North, East, South, and West. Nevertheless, like all other empires, the British Empire met its demise as well (see Chapter 3 for why and how).

Russian Empire

More recent in history was the Empire of the Soviet Union (Russian Empire). Between 1700 and 1721 Russia was engaged in The Great Northern War, with Sweden. The war, which was a resounding success for Russia and its allies, stripped Sweden of its status as a great power and paved the way for the expansion of Russia. Immediately after the war Peter the Great declared Russia an Empire and himself emperor. This was a title he felt more appropriate for a man of his stature and his newly expanded state. After Peter the Great, the next great Russian Monarch was the highly educated Catherine the Great. Under Catherine the Great, the Russian Empire grew even mightier than before. The Russian Empire continued to expand into Poland, pushed the Ottoman out of Crimea and took the first steps in colonizing Alaska. At its peak the Russian Empire became the third largest empire in history, stretching over three continents, Europe, Asia, and North America, only surpassed in size by the British and Mongol empires (Figure 1.2). However, the turn of the 19th century marked the beginning of the end of the Russian Empire. Regarding the Russian Empire, Cal Thomas wrote the following:

“When led by competent leaders like Peter and Catherine the Great (1729-1796), the empire modernized and grew in strength. The rest of the time, incompetent tsars squandered numerous opportunities to grow the country. Wars would be fought continually on the edge of the empire, against nearly every bordering nation, over access to the sea and to establish Russian influence over the Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe.”³

Following its defeat by Napoleon, Russia saw almost a century of civil unrest brought about by lack of morale, logistical failures, and lackluster performance of the Imperial Russian army; as it refused to modernized and educate itself. The Russo-Japanese war in 1904 to 1905 resulted

³ Ibid. 133.

in a humiliating defeat for Russia and it eventually lost its empire status (see Chapter 3 why and how this happened).

Great nations and empires have always rose and fallen and citizens of those fallen nation thought they would continue forever. The Babylonians never thought they would fall but they lasted less than a century. The Persians thought the Persian Empire would last forever but after about 200 years, they were finished. The Greeks believed that the Greco-Macedonian Empire would always be around, and it lasted longer than the Babylonians and Persians but after less than 300 years they met their demise. And no one thought the mighty Roman Empire would ever cease to exist with all its power, might, and influence. It did last longer than the others, about nine centuries but then it was no more. In the United States today, it is not unusual to hear that we are unique, special, and different - not like those great nations or empires that have gone on before us. But not only does history proves this to be foolish thinking, we see and will show in this book the very vulnerabilities that can bring the United States down virtually overnight.

Of course, I, like practically all other Americans, would not like to see the United States brought down to nothing. However, we, as a nation are doing everything to make the downfall of the United States a reality. We will cover this in greater detail in Chapter four. One study researched 60 ancient and modern civilization to discover the lifespan of the average civilization. The study, published in *Scientific American*, found that the average lifespan of a civilization is 421 years. It revealed however, that modern civilizations did not have as long a lifespan as ancient ones, and among the 28 most recent ones the average lifespan was found to be only 305 years.⁴

If we use 1620, the date the pilgrims first landed on what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, the United States would be 402 years old. If the historic trend is any indication of how long the United States will last, it shows that we have either exceeded our life span or are very close to the end of it. Of course, we are not saying here that this alone is proof of anything, but these are interesting facts to observe.

CHAPTER 2

Why and How the United States was Created

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance
(Psalm 33:12)*

Creation of the United States

Every nation that has ever existed began with either a theistic base (believing in some type of god or gods) or an atheistic base (belief in no god at all). This is true with ancient civilizations and nations, as well as nations established more recently. For example, when we look at China, we see that it is established based on Confucianism. We see the nation of India with a Hinduism

⁴ Ron Rhodes, *Northern Storm Rising*, 2008, 118.

base in its origins. Saudi Arabia has Islam as its religions base. The former Soviet Union was established on the basis of an atheistic belief system. Israel is based on Judaism while the United States was founded based on the Christian faith.

While the Bible does not give us a specific reason why God created the United States, we can make rational inferences and reach valid conclusions from studying the Bible, U.S. history, and learning more about the character and nature of God. We know from the Scriptures that it is God who creates all nations (Acts 17:26), that God uses nations for His purpose (Rev. 17:15-17) and that God is sovereign (Ephes. 1:11; Isa. 46:10). With this in mind, we simply study the history of the United States and see how God created and used the United States. This would undoubtedly be His reason for creating the United States. When we do this, we see two main ways God has used the United States (1) to protect His chosen people Israel, and (2) to get the gospel of Jesus Christ out to the world. This does not mean that these are the only reasons for the creation of the United States, but we can be sure that these two are primary reasons since history shows this is how God used the United States. Furthermore, in the Scriptures, we are told that God will bless those who supports Israel (Gen. 12:3); and to get the gospel out to the whole world (Matt. 28:18-20). The United States has been given all it needs, and put in a position to accomplish both of these commands. Let's consider the first reason and see how the United States has helped and defended Israel.

As we've seen Israel is God chosen people through a covenant He made with Abraham. God also promised to protect and defend Israel (Isa. 41:10-11) and bless any nation that provides assistance and help for Israel. As we've seen in Chapter 1, Israel had a long history of slavery, wars, extraditions, and returns to their land. Still God kept the Jewish people and promised to bring them back into their land in the end times. During their last expulsion from the land, the Jewish people, after 2,000 years of exile were brought back into the land and announced to the world that they were now a nation once again. This happened on May 14, 1948. The United States was there to assist and provide for the Jewish people right from the beginning. Out of the dozens of attacks, battles, and wars since that time, the United States has provided the Jews with weaponry, military intelligence, loan guarantees, training, and other support. The United States was virtually alone in doing this as practically all other nations were against the Jews.

Now how has the United States been instrumental in getting the gospel out to the world? According to Todd Johnson, Director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity, in 2010, the United States sent out 127,000 missionaries around the world, more than any other nation on earth. To put this in perspective, Brazil came in second place with 34,000 Missionaries.⁵ Furthermore, God has blessed the United States with resources to take advantage of the advancement in technology today. This includes advancements through TV, satellites, radio, internet, DVDs, iPods, magazines, and other media. The United States is right at the forefront of utilizing these means in getting the gospel out to the world.

In order to accomplish these two purposes God had to create the United States as a different, unique, nation and this is precisely what He did. First, He had to make the United States a

⁵ James Emery White, Crosswalk.com; *Missionaries to America*; March 12, 2012.

Christian nation in order to get the gospel of Jesus Christ out to the world. Second, He had to make the United States a wealthy nation with a strong military and great influence in order to support Israel. He promised to bless that nation that supports Israel, so we can see why and how the United States has been blessed more than any other nation. We've been Israel's strongest support. Let's get a little background on the origin and history of the United States to help understand what we mean.

Prior to creating the United States, God created the earth, and it was composed of one large mass of land making up approximately 30% of the earth's surface and the rest, 70% was water. He later divided this mass of land into seven continents and created nations on each of these continents. He had a large mass of land reserved on what we now call the North American Continent for which He would create this great nation. In doing this, He limited how far the water could come in order to keep geographical areas of dry land (Job 38:11) and He set aside a location for the United States far away from all the other continents. It was uninhabited land made up of wilderness, forests, lakes, rivers, deserts, mountains, plains; just waiting to be populated, according to His purpose.

Today, scientists report that in 1968, they found the skeleton of an Asian boy in Montana who died between 12,707 and 12,556 years ago. They concluded that he was a member of the Clovis people, a Paleo-Indian culture that was widespread in North America at the time.⁶ Anthropologists studies showed that these first Americans migrated to this land in at least three waves from Siberia.⁷ Some scientists believe that some of this migration took place from Asia across the Beringia Land Bridge between East Asia and Alaska down into this land we now call America. These were the ancestors of the people today who we refer to as Native Americans or Indians and were the first inhabitants of this land.

Centuries later, in 1492 an Italian explorer by the name of Christopher Columbus, sailed on three ships with His crew and found this "new world." It is important to keep in mind that God established the United States as a Christian nation right from the beginning so we will emphasize this fact throughout this book. Approximately ten years after Christopher Columbus completed his expedition, he wrote the following:

"It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) to sail to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures...Our Lord Jesus Christ desired to perform a very obvious miracle in the voyage to the Indies..."⁸

This was a remarkable acknowledgment from an explorer a decade after what can be described as a risky and daring voyage. It is as if Columbus knew he had to reveal this to the public as he reminisced about the trip he made and what was accomplished. Sadly, this part of Christopher Columbus' writing was not taught or mentioned when many of us studied this subject in the

⁶ Science News, Tina Hesman Saey, *Clovis baby's genome unveils Native American ancestry*; February 12, 2014.

⁷ The Harvard Gazette, *Mystery of Native Americans' arrival*; Alvin Powell, July 24, 2012.

⁸ D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe; *What if Jesus Had Never Been Born?* Thomas Nelson Publishers. 76.

public elementary school system. This revelation, however, provides even more support that God established the United States as a Christian nation.

The Mayflower Compact

But the land really began to get populated in the 1600s when the Europeans came. In England King James was persecuting Christians because he did not like their reformation teachings (reformed theology). The Christians in England were not allowed religious freedom so many of them got together and asked the King if they could move over to this new world. The king granted them their request and on September 6, 1620, 102 passengers, including 50 men, 19 women and 33 young adults gathered on a ship called the Mayflower and set sail for America. This was a difficult trip that lasted 66 days, as they fought the harsh elements of a storm-tossed sea. They eventually landed in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, commonly referred to today as having landed on Plymouth Rock. These were determined, God-fearing men in search of a geographical location where they could freely practice their religion. While on their voyage, they drafted a document called the Mayflower Compact. This Mayflower Compact was an agreement they made among themselves, and it set forth the purpose of their relocation in this document. Notice a part of what they said in this document about their trip:

“IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia;...”

This excerpt from the Mayflower Compact alone gives us the intent of the forefathers in establishing America. It was for the “Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith.” This gives us some idea of what these men had in mind when establishing a new nation. More importantly, it shows us what God had in mind when establishing the United States. But let’s consider some more facts about these men. The men who took this arduous journey were called pilgrims after being given the name by their leader, William Bradford. Bradford ultimately went on to serve as governor of the Plymouth Colony. He got the name “pilgrim” from 1 Peter 2:11 which says, “Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.”⁹ It’s telling that Bradford relied on the Bible as a source for naming his men. These Pilgrims were formed in England in 1606 and were part of the Separatist movement who felt that the Church of England could never be reformed. They therefore wrote an agreement which became known as the Scrooby Covenant. This covenant became “one of the first written covenants for local church self-government, pledging to obey God and His law, and to walk together in Christian fellowship.”¹⁰

There was no religious freedom in England at the time, so they left for the Netherlands. In Holland, they faced many difficulties and hardships, so they eventually left the Netherlands and headed for America. Again, we see God’s hand in using devoted Christian men to establish the

⁹ Ibid. 62.

¹⁰ Ibid.

nation we now know as the United States of America. This Mayflower Compact had great significance in the establishing America, and it was signed by 41 of the 50 men on board. They wanted to worship freely, they wanted fair government for all without the rulership of a king, and they wanted to advance the purpose of God. As soon as these pilgrims landed and got off the mayflower, they held a prayer service, then began building shelters. They had a very difficult time getting established that first year; but some of the descendants of the same Indians God brought over hundreds of years earlier, helped them to get established and they had a bountiful harvest and declared a three-day feast in December 1621 to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends. This was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

Declaration of Independence

As we fast forward to the period before the Revolutionary War was over, God had these early Americans, now organized as 13 colonies, establish a Continental Congress. This Continental Congress drafted a statement which announced their independence from Great Britain. The document was called the Declaration of Independence and the 13 original Colonies were now an independent nation, free from England. So, let's look at a few of the words of the Declaration of Independence.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government...”

This Declaration of Independence is frequently referred to as the Birth Certificate of the United States, signed July 1, 1776. It was officially adopted on July 4, 1776 the day we celebrate today as Independence Day. Thomas Jefferson drafted this document, but it was signed by 55 others; 50 were known Christians and 29 had seminary or Bible College degrees. Notice what it says: First, it says these truths are self-evident that we are all created equal. This is based on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians which stated, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Gal. 3:28). Some people today in the public school system, colleges, and universities claim and are taught that when the Declaration states that “all men are created equal” the Founding Fathers really meant to say “all *white* men are created equal.” However, this is definitely not the case as Jefferson himself explicitly identified slaves as men when addressing another issue of his draft, meaning that slaves are included in the American promise.¹¹

When the Declaration of Independence goes on to say that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights – its acknowledging that we have a Creator (In the beginning God...Gen. 1:1). It says among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Jefferson is saying that our rights come from God, not the government or anyone else. There is more written in this Declaration, but these are the principles that were written by which the

¹¹ Wallbuilders, *America's Exceptional History of Anti-Slavery*; April 6, 2020.

nation should live. It should not be overlooked that since most of the signers of this document were known Christians, and God is the Creator of all nations, He had to have had a divine purpose in choosing these men to start the United States, especially since we see this in no other nation in history.

The U.S. Constitution

But there was another main document that God led these Founding Fathers to adopt, and that document is called the U.S. Constitution. It was in the summer of 1787, September 17th that the U.S. Constitution was signed by 39 Founding Fathers, again, most of whom were Christians. So these early Americans declared their independence from England and they had been operating under the Articles of Confederation but now they adopted a U.S. Constitution (went into effect on March 4, 1789). But God also had to make sure that this Constitution, which would be the legal foundation for which the nation was to operate by, would reflect biblical principles. That is, the U.S. Constitution must be based on the Bible, or He would not be able to bless the nation with riches and protection (Psalm 33:12). The men that drafted the Constitution did not forsake their godly principles and saw fit to establish the Constitution on biblical principles. They knew that men were basically selfish, so they didn't want to give all power to one branch of government. For this reason they separated the government into three branches (Legislative, Judicial, and Executive branches). They received this idea of three branches of government from reading Isaiah 33:22 which states as follows:

For the Lord is our judge, [Judicial Branch], the Lord is our lawgiver, [Legislative Branch], the Lord is our king; [Executive Branch], it is he who will save us.

Not only that, but the Founders view the character of men from a biblical perspective so they knew that man left to himself would engage in selfish activities rather than doing the will of the American people. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?" When explaining the necessity of separation of powers, Founder John Adams cited Jeremiah 17:9 on multiple occasions. Other Founding Fathers (e.g., George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison) were in full agreement. In Federalist 51 they wrote the following:

"What is government itself but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed, and in the next place oblige it to control itself."¹²

Even the type of tax-exempt status given to churches today under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code was taken from the Bible. Notice below:

Also we inform you that it shall not be lawful to impose tax, tribute, or custom on any of the priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God (Ezra 7:24).

¹²Wallbuilders, *American Founding and Federal Era (1785-early 1800s)*; Lesson 4.

This tax-exempt status is still being used by churches and other non-profit institutions today under Internal Revenue Code Section 501.

A few other examples to verify that the U.S. Constitution is based on the Bible are as follows:

Article 1 Section 8 for immigration laws came from Leviticus 19:34. “The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution says a president must be a citizen of the US. This came from Deuteronomy where God told Israel, “...you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.” (Deut. 17:15).

Article 3, Section 3 of the Constitution says there must be 2 witnesses for treason (which is punishable by death). “Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness (Deut. 17:6).

Some have stated that the Constitution is racist and point to the Three-Fifth Clause as support for their assertion. The Three-Fifth Clause of the Constitution reads as follows:

“Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.” (Art. I, § 2, cl. 3).

Some believe that this clause shows blacks as only “three-fifths” of a person, rather than a whole individual and is therefore racist. However, an understanding of the legislative history shows that this clause was included in the Constitution to help put an end to slavery, thereby treating blacks as regular citizens. The Constitution had established that every State would get one Representative for every 30,000 inhabitants of that State. The southern slave states saw this as a great opportunity to get many Representatives in Congress and expand the slave trade. They simply had to count all of their slaves as inhabitants. This would have been a windfall for slaveholders because there were hundreds of thousands of slaves in Southern States at the time. However, anti-slavery Founders in the North were vehemently opposed to this scheme. The debate was on as to include or not include slaves when determining how many Representatives a state may have. The final compromise was that the Southern States could count each slave as three-fifths of a person for Representative purposes rather than one whole person. This way, the South could not have too many Representatives to vote and keep the slave trade going. Therefore the Three-Fifth Clause, which dealt with representatives in Congress and had absolutely nothing to do with the worth of a slave or any other individual, was added to the Constitution. It was added to help blacks by attempting to put an end to the institution of slavery.

These are just some examples showing how the Constitution is mostly based on biblical principles but continue reading as we provide more information to substantiate this point. The

Constitution was written and signed by mainly God-fearing men but there are those who are not convinced and continuously try to persuade others that the country was not founded based on biblical principles. Many other nations recognize the uniqueness of the U.S. Constitution and founding documents and have expressed their amazement at how the United States has not had to change its Constitution. There has never been any nation on earth that has had a Constitution as God gave the United States. According to the United Nations, there are approximately 194 nations scattered over 7 continents today. This includes a worldwide population of close to 8 billion people.

Political Scientists and historians have tried to figure out what made the U.S. Constitution so different than the Constitutions of all other nations (i.e., those nations that have Constitutions because many nations operate without a formal, official Constitution). So they studied, reviewed, and analyzed approximately 15,000 documents used in establishing the U.S. Constitution to see where the Founding Fathers got the knowledge and information. In their review they found 3,154 quotations coming directly from the Bible! This is amazing! Any honest person knowing this information would have to conclude that the US Constitution was based on the Holy Bible. Furthermore, the US Constitution is the longest ongoing Constitution in the history of the world. We have never had to change our Constitution, even though there has been and will continue to be Amendments. No other nation even came close to this record. In fact, many nations have changed their entire Constitutions numerous times.

So let's fast forward to the late 1700s. The Pilgrims had left England to come to a new land mainly for religious freedom, but they were still under the control of England. They had established 13 Colonies at this time, all on the east coast, from New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, right on down to South Carolina and Georgia. But the English or the British Parliament continued to enact laws to put pressure on the settlers. They passed laws with all sorts of restrictions, and they burdened them with all sorts of fees and taxes. There were the Navigation Acts, Molasses Act, Sugar Act, Currency Act, Stamp Act 1765, and Tea Act which led to the Boston Tea Party.

Finally, the Settlers, these early Americans said we've had enough of this mess; we want our independence. England said, no we're going to put down this rebellion, and this all led up to the Revolutionary War or the War of Independence as it is sometimes called. In this war, which lasted for 8 years from 1775 to 1783, the 13 Colonies won even though they were the underdogs. Again, we see the hand of God working miraculously to set up the United States. From a humanistic point of view, the 13 Colonies had slim to no chance of winning this war. The British were stronger with a well-trained fortified military. The Colonists were trying to piece together an army for its half-trained militia groups. The British had the strongest navy that existed at that time. The Colonists tried to gather whatever boats they could dredge up. The British had a strong economy which is important for war because of the need for ammunition, weaponry, food and clothing for the men. The British had all of this, but the Colonists didn't as they weren't in existence long enough. They had great potential, but they were no economic or financial match for the British. But what we are looking at here is the sovereign hand of God who was building up a nation to use for His purpose and this meant that the Colonists could not lose. God

determines the outcome of all wars. A strong military is not a guarantee that it will be victorious in war (Psalm 33:16-18).

God gave the early American Colonists the strength to hold their ground the first few years of the war but about halfway through the war, God brought France in the war to fight on the side of the Americans. France was still angry with the British for defeating them fifteen years earlier, so they officially enter the war on the side of the American revolutionaries. (France had started to secretly send aid to the colonists two years earlier). The British finally gave up and after two years of negotiation, agreed to recognize the sovereignty of America and their Independence. The early Americans now had their Independence and God continued to bring them through the next phase of His divine plan.

Further Expansions and Blessings

As mentioned, God used the United States to be a blessing to Israel and to get the gospel out to the world. As we continued to use our natural resources and technical ingenuity to accomplish these purposes, God poured out more and more blessings. There were blessings like unparalleled freedom, prosperity, immense power, and worldwide influence - no wonder so many people risk their lives every day to get here.

After the 13 original colonies were formed God began expanding the U.S. westward. In 1803 the U.S. purchase 828,000 square miles of land from France which now include part or all of 15 states and two Canadian Provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan. This purchase was called the Louisiana Purchase and represented the largest single expansion in the United States. Then there was the Mexican American war in 1846 to 1848 where the U.S. acquired the whole states of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. This also included parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Kansas as God continued to expand the nation westward.

During the earlier years, God began adding to the U.S. population by bringing in the English, French, Germans, Irish, Italians, and other Europeans as He continued to place those whom He had chosen into a Christian nation. Some of these Europeans sent ships to Western Africa and brought in blacks as slaves, which also made it possible for blacks to be born in a wealthy Christian nation. This obviously made it easier for each subsequent black generation to be easily exposed to the gospel. God made the nation prosperous as He provided it with rich, fertile soil that yielded abundant agricultural products, and He gave us rain in due season. He gave us millions of miles of rivers, lakes, streams, and two oceans filled with abundant crops of fish and other tasty seafood. He gave us a nation filled with oil, coal, and natural gas, more than enough to supply our nation with needed energy.

God promised Israel that if they would obey Him, He would make them prosper, bless their children, family, farmland, livestock, all their possessions, and put her high above all other nations (Deut. 28). Without specifically mentioning the United States, He did the very same thing for us.

He gave us knowledge to invent and create tools, machinery, and high technological equipment and devices; and He enabled us to establish a military that was unmatched, including

an incomparable Navy that ruled the seven seas. Even today, as the United States enters into its downward spiral, we still see the results of God's blessings.¹³

Strongest Defense system in the World

- In 2019 the United States spent around 718.69 billion U.S. dollars on its military
- This expenditure is roughly the size of the next seven largest military budgets in the world
- With “nearly 800 military bases in more than 70 countries and territories abroad, from giant “little America” to small radar facilities.
- America invests “more on national defense than China, India, Russia, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea, and Brazil combined.”
- America’s Air Force boasts of approximately “13,000 military aircraft,. Comparatively, China and Russia, the world’s next largest aerial powers, have a total of only 2,000 to 3,000 military aircraft each.”
- Although the People’s Republic of China (PRC) has the largest navy in the world, surpassing the US Navy, the United States has eleven aircraft carriers, the largest military vessels in the world, while China and Russia each have only one.” These carriers give the US superior air power globally with her 13,264 military aircraft compared to Russia and China combined total 7373.” This gives the US “more than twice the deck space of every other foreign carrier combined.”
- The United States as of November 2018 had 830 registered space units in orbit. That number almost exceeds the combined total of the rest of the top ten. China follows with 280, and Russia is third with 147.”

The United States became the most dominant economic, financial, and military power in the world. It has been the wealthiest, strongest, and most influential nation in the history of the world, bar none. Furthermore, God used the United States, a Christian nation to be a blessing to the rest of the world. Even since the early 1900s, we see the tremendous blessings God brought into the world through the United States. (see Figure 2.1)¹⁴.

Blessings God Gave to the United States Which Was Shared with the World

- 1903 The Airplane
- 1912The First Assembly Line
- 1926 Liquid-Fueled Rockets
- 1940 Digital Computers
- 1945 The Atom Bomb
- 1946 Bank-Issued Charged Cards
- 1958 Integrated Circuitry
- 1960 Internet
- 1965 Computer Discs

¹³ Richard Pearson, *The Hour that Changes Everything*; 78

¹⁴ Ibid. 80

- 1966 The Lunar Module
- 1969 The First Man on the Moon
- 1971 Personal Computers
- 1973 Cell Phones
- 1978 Microwave Ovens
- 1981 The Space Shuttle
- 1988 Stealth Bombers
- 1989 Handheld GPS
- 1991 Wi-Fi
- 2004-2006 Facebook, Twitter, YouTube
- 2007 The Smart Phone
- 2010 The iPad
- 2015 The SpaceX Reusable Rocket

Figure 2.1

These were tremendous blessings that God gave to the United States and the rest of the world. This made the United States highly influential over other nations. And with its strong military, the United States was very capable of protecting its Christian foundation and wealth.

But there was another way God protected the US even before it was populated. Before He populated the land and made it wealthy, before He even bought people into the land, He had it strategically located where it would be protected. To protect the United States God placed it in a geographical position on the earth where it's enemies would have difficulty reaching it, This was especially helpful before the advent of air travel. He placed the Atlantic Ocean on the east (approximately 3500 miles to get to Europe). He placed the Pacific Ocean on the west of the nation (approximately 4,000 miles). He placed a friendly nation we now call Canada on the North and He placed another smaller friendly nation called Mexico on the South.

In other words, God placed boundaries around the United States to protect it from its enemies. There has been a lot of controversy over the U.S.-Mexico border in recent years. Many people, Christians and non-Christians alike, found themselves on different sides of the debate. Some believe it is wrong and selfish to place fences or other such borders around a nation to keep people out. After all, we are to be compassionate people, willing to help all in need. It is true that we are to be compassionate people, and God does tell us to treat the stranger (immigrant) as one of our own.

However, the purpose of government is to protect its citizens (1 Pet. 2:14). This is why God established government in the first place. God demonstrated this in the Bible by erecting walls and boundaries around nations for protection. In the case of the United States, the southern border is important to accomplish that purpose. We know this to be a fact, as there have been apprehensions of terrorist, drug cartels, wanted criminals, and other dangerous elements attempting to come illegally across the U.S. border.

When God established the nation of Israel, He established fortified cities “for protection” of the people (Num. 32:17). Furthermore, God took time to give a detailed description of Israel’s borders, and how it was to be divided between the twelve tribes. Moses certainly took boundaries of a nation very seriously when he and the Israelites wanted to pass through Edom. While wandering in the wilderness with the Israelites he sent messengers to the Edomite King and asked permission to pass through the land.

Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, or drink water from a well. We will go along the King’s Highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory.” (Num. 20:17, ESV)

When the King of Edom denied Moses’ request, he took a large army to meet the Israelites and made sure that they adhered to his request. Moses and the Israelites turned away and took the long way around. And as we’ve seen, when God established nations it was He who placed boundaries around each one. So borders or fences is characteristics of a nation and the whole idea about borders came from God, not man. While we as Christians always want to demonstrate compassion to others, the first duty of government is to protect its citizens. This is not the case when a nation’s borders are opened to any and everyone.

CHAPTER 3

United States Rebellion Against God, Part 1

The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17).

As we’ve seen God blessed the United States by making us a Christian nation. He gave us wealth, a strong economic system, military, influence, political and moral strength (through the founding documents in the beginning). No nation in the history of the world has been blessed as the United State has been and God always expects a nation or individual that He blesses to honor Him and be a blessing to others (Luke 12:48). However, just as the nation of Judah 2,700 years ago, the United States has rebelled against God and turned to idolatry and other wicked activities. When God established the United States, He blessed us with three branches of government, Legislative, Judicial, and Executive. The Legislative Branch makes the law; the Judicial Branch reviews and interprets the law; and the Executive Branch enforces the law.

These are three separate but co-equal branches of government that govern the entire nation; something that God did for no other nation in history. The U.S. Supreme Court falls under the Judicial Branch of government and is the highest court in the land, thus making all decisions rendered by it enforceable on the United States as a whole, and all individual states. Therefore, it has the power and authority to turn the nation towards God or away from God, and as we will see, it has been very effective in accomplishing the latter. Let’s look at some of the Supreme Court decisions that were totally unbiblical and rebellious against our Creator God.

Separation of Church and State

Practically every time an issue arises involving religion and morality, you will hear something like, “That is wrong because what about the separation of church and state? After all, isn’t this

provided for in the 1st Amendment to the Constitution.” Well, some may be surprised to learn that “separation of church and state” has absolutely nothing to do with the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, or any other supporting and founding documents for establishing America.¹⁵ This phrase came from a personal letter written by Thomas Jefferson in 1802 to a group of Baptist ministers in Danbury, Connecticut.

The backdrop of this story is as follows: In 1802 a group of Baptist Ministers from Danbury, Connecticut wrote to President Thomas Jefferson regarding a rumor they heard. The rumor was that the President was going to establish a national religious denomination for the entire country, and these ministers wanted an explanation about this matter. Obviously, they were concerned about this because after all, freedom of religion was the primary reason for seeking out this new land in the first place. President Jefferson wrote back to these Baptist ministers assuring them that the government was not going to get involved with the church and that the church would be protected from interference by the government.

In the letter Jefferson used the words of one of the Baptists own ministers by the name of Roger Williams, the founder of the State of Rhode Island. The words Jefferson used were this: “There should be a wall of separation of church and state.” But what was Jefferson saying? Jefferson was saying that the church should be protected *from interference by the government*; not that the church shouldn’t have anything to do with government. Nearly 150 years later in 1947 a New Jersey law allowed the local school districts to fund the transportation of children to and from schools. Some of this money also went to pay for children to go to and from catholic parochial schools, which are private Christian schools. One local taxpayer filed suit saying that paying for children to go to and from private school violated the State and Federal Constitutions.

This taxpayer obviously did not know of any such law because there was none. The attorneys for this citizen tried to present his case by going all the way back 145 years earlier and pulling out this letter that Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Baptist preachers, with the phrase, Separation of Church and State, and the court agreed. *Everson v. Board of Education* was the first court case to cite separation of church and state. They said look, even Jefferson agreed that the church should not be involved with government. The court agreed but this was not what Jefferson meant at all. Furthermore, even if Jefferson did hold to this belief, a letter written by him is not the law. So there was hypocrisy in every aspect of this situation from the beginning to end.

Nevertheless, this was the case that opened the floodgates for attacks against the church and moving the nation further away from its strong Judeo-Christian roots. So just what does the First Amendment to the Constitution really mean? The First Amendment to the Constitution states the following:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

¹⁵ Frank Turek, Norman Geisler; *Legislating Morality*; 1998; 83.

The reading is abundantly clear that Congress or the federal government cannot establish a national religion or denomination, Christian or non-Christian. However, does it require total, complete separation between government and religion, to the point where every reference of God must be purged, redacted, sanitized and/or stripped of every reference to God? From *Everson v. The Board of Education* and subsequent cases over the past seventy or more years, this is what the courts have led the public to believe. However, when we review history, we see that this is simply not the case.

The Founding Fathers had recently come from a country where the government ran the church, so they certainly did not want these problems and headaches again. As such, a careful reading of the First Amendment brings this out most indubitably. Notice the second part of the first statement, "...or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;". This shows without a doubt that the government is not to prevent people from practicing their religion freely. The Founding Fathers wanted to guarantee that citizens would be able to practice their religion freely without any interference from the government whatsoever. In the First Amendment, they were trying to assure freedom *of* religion not freedom *from* religion. They actually wanted the government to support all religions without favoring one religion over another. They knew that all religions have some level of morality in them, and morality is necessary for a successful nation. To support this view, on September 19, 1796, President George Washington said the following in his farewell speech:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports...Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."¹⁶

Washington felt that a *national morality* for America and only religion could bring about such a condition. Benjamin Franklin echoed a similar sentiment when he said, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom."¹⁷

America's second President, John Adams felt the same as the others. He stated,

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."¹⁸

These men knew without a doubt that religion is as important to a nation's wellbeing as the nation is itself. They had no intention of stripping religion from the public arena. They even encouraged religion by supporting it for Native Americans and others. Notice the following actions taken by the President and Congress during the early years of the nation.¹⁹

¹⁶ Ibid. 21.

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Ibid. 82.

- In 1796, an act was passed by Congress under President Washington regulating the land given to the Society of United Brethren for “propagating the gospel among the heathen.” The act was extended under Presidents Adams and Jefferson.
- In 1803, Congress and President Jefferson approved a grant of \$100 for seven years to a Roman Catholic priest to evangelize the Kaskaskia Indians, and \$300 to help build them a church. Jefferson also approved similar treaties with the Wyandotte Indians in 1806 and the Cherokee Indians in 1807.
- In 1819, President Monroe, along with Congress, approved the grant of 640 acres to the rector of a Roman Catholic church in Detroit.
- In 1825, President John Quincy Adams, in a treaty with the Osage Indians, dedicated federal lands to a “missionary establishment” engaged in “teaching, civilizing, and improving said Indians.”
- In 1833, Congress and President Jackson approved a grant of \$3,700 to build a church and a mill for the Kickapoo Indians.
- In 1838, President Van Buren, along with Congress, approved funds to help build a church for the Oneida Indians.

One must ask, “Does this look like the First Amendment means there should be a separation of church and state and the Court interprets it today?” The attacks on the church today as a result of this Amendment is clearly not what the Founding Fathers intended. Let’s look at some other decisions made by the Supreme Court that demonstrated United States rebellion against God.

- 1962: Removed Class Devotional Prayer – *Engle v. Vitale*, NY. Never mind that there had been prayer in public schools for 340 years up to this point. At the time of this case, the prayer was just a simple, general prayer: “Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon thee, and we beg thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country.”²⁰ Furthermore, anyone could opt out of reciting this prayer as no one was compelled to participate.
- 1963: Removed Class Devotional Bible Reading – *Abington v. Schempp*, Abington, PA. The Court used the interpretation of the Engle case to decide this case. It said that reading portions of the New Testament could be “psychologically harmful” to the children.²¹
- 1968: Protected Teaching Macroevolution – *Epperson v. Arkansas* – The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a law that prevented the teaching of evolution in public schools. Macroevolution as applied here in its simplest form means that man originally came from an ape or other such primate.²²
- 1973: Removed Right To Life – *Roe v. Wade*, Texas. This case, at least the name, is probably more familiar to American citizens than all the other cases mention here as this is continuously publicized in the news media. In *Roe V. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the right to privacy included the private right to abort children. It didn’t matter

²⁰ Ibid. 88

²¹ Ibid.

²² Ibid. 66.

that at the time all 50 states had laws prohibiting or restricting abortion. There were 7 unelected judges that literally destroyed all of the state laws.²³

- 1980: Removed Ten Commandments – *Stone v. Graham*, Kentucky. In this case the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Kentucky law that required the posting of the 10 Commandments in all classrooms was unconstitutional. The Court said that posting the 10 Commandments would, “induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey the commandments...This...is not a permissible state objective under the Establishment Clause of the first Amendment.” It’s difficult to understand how justices with this level of education could make such an absurd statement. Obviously, the whole reason for posting the 10 Commandments is to induce the children to read, meditate, venerate, and obey.²⁴
- 1987: Teaching Creation Prohibited – *Edwards v. Aguillard*, Louisiana. The U.S. Supreme Court said a Louisiana statute banning the teaching of evolution unless given equal time for teaching creation is unconstitutional as it would be establishing a religion.²⁵

Each one of these cases decided by the U.S. Supreme leads the nation away from God and is therefore an act of rebellion against God. Imagine if you will, a nation established on biblical principles by God, blessed more than any other nation, that systematically and deliberately legislate laws that are antibiblical and anti-God. Surely, such a nation will come under the judgment of God just as we’ve seen with all other nations.

Indeed, many of our Presidents knew that we as a nation were established by God as based on Judeo-Christian principles found in the Holy Bible. Consider statements made by some of our early Presidents.

George Washington – It is the duty of all nations to *acknowledge the providence of Almighty God*, to obey His will, to be grateful for His *benefits*, and humbly implore His *protection and favor*. (italics mine).

Theodore Roosevelt – “The teachings of the *Bible are so interwoven and entwined* with our whole civic and social life that it would be impossible for us to figure to ourselves what life would be if these standards were removed. We would lose almost all the standards by which we now judge both public and private morals; all the standards which are, with more or less resolution, strive to raise ourselves.” (italics mine).

John Quincy Adams – It is not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the *foundation of the Redeemer’s mission* upon the earth? That it laid the cornerstone of *human government* upon the first precepts of Christianity.” (italics mine).

The fact that the founding Fathers knew and acknowledged that they founded the United States based on the Holy Bible makes it equivalent to entering a covenant with God. This meant

²³ Ibid. 89.

²⁴ Ibid. 90.

²⁵ Ibid. 90.

they were to uphold biblical principles and were subject to blessings and cursing, the same as Israel, with whom God specifically entered into covenants. But let's look at more of what the United States has done and is doing in rebellion against God.

After God created man and began to establish nations, He created three basic institutions to assist man in learning, loving, and living among each other in a moral, respectful manner. These institutions are (1) Family (2) Government, and (3) Police (law enforcement). God's ultimate goal is to make it easy for as many as possible to accept His Son as Lord and Savior, and live with Him in eternity. So He created a fourth institution which is called the church. The church is composed of those whom He has called into a relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus. The idea is for these first institutions to function in such a manner to instill moral disciplines into each person right from the time of birth in a family.

A child born into a traditional family is to be taught moral principles through his or her upbringing. The government is there to protect the rights of that child and family. The law is to enforce punishment when that child gets out of line and violates the moral law. At some point in that individual's life, hopefully he or she will come into a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus, accept Him as Lord and Savior, receive the Holy Spirit and this puts him or her into the church. It is here where that individual grows in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, overcomes human shortcomings, and builds spiritual character in preparation to spend eternity with God at the time of death. However, the United States has and is attacking each one of these institutions with a vengeance. First, let's use the Scriptures to see that God established these institutions. Then we will explain some of the ways in which these institutions are rebelling against God from within and/or without.

Family

Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man (Gen. 2:22).

God bringing Eve to the man is equivalent to the marriage ceremony and where we got the tradition of the father of the bride walking her down the aisle and giving her over to the bridegroom. This is the beginning of the institution of family.

And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." (Gen. 1:28).

When God said "Be fruitful and multiply..." He is instructing Adam and Eve to have children and increase the population. Again, He is perpetuating the family in an effort to bring as many into eternity with Him as will accept the atoning sacrifice of His Son.

Government

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. *For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.* 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be

unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 *For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil* (Rom. 13:1-4, italics mine).

Notice that the Apostle Paul wrote that “the authorities that exist are appointed by God.” He further states that to resist the authorities will bring judgment on the resister. This is because when one resists the authorities, that person is indirectly resisting God. This does not mean that there aren’t bad “authorities” in society or that we should do whatever one tells us to do, even if it goes against what God tells us to do. We must always obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29). So when man tells us to do something that is antibiblical or that violates biblical principles we are to exercise our rights to civil disobedience. When this happens, we are to follow proper procedures to bring our case before the good authorities and present our case. Most of the authorities put forth an effort to do what is right and are not evil. Then in verse four Paul reemphasizes that the authority is God’s minister, and this is the point we want to emphasize here – that it is God who created this institution.

Law Enforcement/Police

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, *as to those who are sent by him* for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good (1 Pet. 2:13-14, italics mine).

The Apostle Peter makes it very clear in these verses that it is God who sends the governors to punish those who do wrong. This governor includes, police officers, detectives, highway patrolmen, judges, and other in law enforcement. The governors should also praise those who do good. We sometimes see this when someone is recognized and given commendations for an act of bravery or performing some other good deed, but the recognition of heroes is not done nearly enough. And when it is done, the news media usually does not report it or gives it very little coverage. They are interesting in ratings, and bad news about what people do get better ratings.

So God established these three institutions to help us live with each other in a civil manner but He didn’t stop there. He also wrote moral laws on our hearts which enables us to know right from wrong (Rom 2:15) and enables us to do right and avoid wrongdoing. When we do wrong He has the authorities in place to punish those who do wrong. Romans 2:15 also shows that God even gave us a conscious to make us feel guilty when we wrong another person or take someone’s property. When parents raise their children (family) according to God’s plan, those children will be obedient to society’s laws (government), avoid arrest and punishment (police/law enforcement); and at some point in their lives come into a relationship with Jesus. God then puts them into the fourth institution which is the church.

Church

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (Matt. 16:18).

God established the church to train and equip those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior; to worship Him, and to get the gospel of Jesus Christ out to the world in an effort to bring others into a relationship with Him (Ephes. 4:11-13; John 4:23; Matt. 28:19). So you can see how God designed these four institutions (family, government, laws, and church) to work in conjunction with each other to bring all who would be saved into eternity with Him where we will experience eternal pleasures (Psalm 16:11). This is His ultimately goal. However, the United States has and still is attacking each of these institutions in rebellion against God. The enemy even uses some of these institutions to attack the others, while it attacks the nations as a whole.

U.S. Rebellion Against the Family

The devil has attacked the family from the moment God created it. Remember how he attacked Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Then their children Cain and Abel? Well this has never stopped and today he's using the U.S. Government, federal, state, and local to continue his vile, evil attacks on the family. This is primarily done by passing laws that are anti-family and pro-everything else. Take for example the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). This Act was signed into law in 1996 by President Bill Clinton and defines marriage for federal purposes as the union of one man and one woman, and allows states to refuse to recognize any same-sex marriage that was granted under the laws of another state. This was a good law because it helped to preserve the sanctity of marriage by maintaining the male-female relationship in marriage as ordained by God. In 2013 and 2015 the United States Supreme Court, effectively destroyed this law by ruling it unconstitutional in the cases of *United States v. Windsor* and *Obergefell v. Hodges* respectively.

At the same time in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the U.S. Supreme Court made same-sex marriages legal in all 50 states. Please read the following quote from the Supreme Court's decision in this case.

“No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right.”²⁶

If this quotation is read as applicable to traditional marriage, it makes a large degree of sense, but when it is read as applied to same-sex marriage, it is an amazingly ridiculous statement. In fact, as this statement is applied to same-sex marriage, there is so much wrong with it that one hardly knows where to begin. Let me explain what I mean. It states that marriage “embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family.” If this is true, one must ask,

²⁶ Georgetown Law Library, *A Brief History of Civil Rights in the United States; A Timeline of the Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage in the U.S.*

where does these highest ideals come from? Answer: They come from the Creator of man and woman! And if the Court regards these highest ideals as from the Creator, it must regard *all* the ideals, which include man and woman, male and female as the only partners in a marriage as the Creator who instituted marriage demonstrated! The statement says that “some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death.” This indicates that the Court believes in life after death, meaning they would necessarily believe there is a Creator. If it believes there is a Creator, that marriage embodies the highest ideals of love, that may endure even past death, then it must believe in what the Creator established. Since the Creator established the institution of marriage, then the Court must believe in the guidelines for the institution of marriage, including the fact that it is only designed for male and female. If the Court does not believe this, then the statement it made about enduring “even past death” is ridiculous and nonsensical.

The Court continued writing that we “would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it.” How is going against the design and laws put in place by the Creator of the institution of marriage respecting it? This is just the opposite of respecting marriage. Not only are they disrespecting the idea of marriage, they are disrespecting the Creator of the institution of marriage! But again, we’re seeing an attack on the institution of marriage by the United States Government, for which there is a price to pay.

Before proceeding, we feel it is incumbent for us to explain an aspect of the homosexual, transgender lifestyle. We are aware that in today’s culture, the issue of homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and transgenderism is super sensitive. We all have friends, neighbors, co-workers, family members, and/or other acquaintances who are participating in this style of living to one extent or another, so it is understandable how one is easily offended when a critical view is taken of this movement. However, we want to make clear that if we are followers of Jesus Christ, we have accepted Him as Lord and Savior, meaning He not only saved us, but we are to be obedient to His Word. When we take a critical view of this movement, it is because the Bible (Jesus Christ, the Word of God) makes it abundantly clear that activities practiced by those who are so engaged, are sinful sexual activities, just as adultery and fornication (Luke 6:46). Therefore we are only explaining in love what the Bible says; as we are to live by every word that comes out of the mouth of God (Luke 4:4). We Christians try to live our lives based on the gospel of Jesus Christ because we believe in Him. While none of us are perfect, it would be hypocritical to willfully condone sinful activities by ourselves or anyone else. This is defiant disobedient to God and blatantly unloving to our fellowman. With that having been said, let us look at some other examples of how the United States is rebelling against God with attacks on the family.

- No-Fault Divorce - In 1969 the State of California enacted a statute allowing for no-fault divorce. Today, this is the default position in every state and essentially means that divorce can be granted for any reason or no reason at all.²⁷ Sad indeed since God makes it clear that He hates divorce (Mal. 2:16).

Kerby Anderson, *Christian Ethics in Plain Language*; Thomas Nelson, Inc. 136.

- Gambling - All 50 states have legalized some form of gambling from daily lotteries to sports, pari-mutuel (horse racing, dog racing and jai-lai) to convenience gambling (slot machines, video poker video keno, etc.). This disproportionately hurts the poor, which in turn destroys families.²⁸ While the Bible does not directly address gambling it gives us a variety of Scriptures by which we can make rational inferences and draw valid conclusion against gambling. For example, Gambling is a major cost of family neglect as gamblers spend money which should be used for family necessities. Parents are told to provide for their children (2 Cor. 12:14) and eat the bread of their labor (2 Thess. 3:12). The Bible also tells us to work for a living for our benefit and the benefit of others (Ephes. 4:28). The Bible condemns materialism which gambling promotes (Matt. 6:24-25).
- Sex and violence in the Media – Federal and State governments have allowed the media (Internet, movies, television, magazines, etc.) to flood the family homes with explicit sexual images and violence. This has caused increases in sex crimes and violence throughout the nation. Some in the media has stated that violence in media does not affect its viewers. A variety of documentation proves otherwise.²⁹ Furthermore, if what the media presents has no effect on its viewers, why do sponsors spend billions of dollars each year in advertising their products? This assertion is totally absurd. What is seen in the media causes an individual to think differently and the Bible teaches that as a man thinks in his heart, this is what he is (Prov. 23:7).
- Allowing Critical Race Theory (CRT) to be Taught to Children in Public Schools - CRT itself is a racist ideology that blames all the hardships and grievances of one race to another race. It teaches that one race is oppressed by the other race, the oppressor.³⁰ This causes hatred and division among the students as well as families. God tells us to have love for one another (John 13:34).
- Adoption providers forced out of states for not placing orphans in gay homes - "Adoption providers such as Bethany Christian Services and Catholic Charities have been forced out of Massachusetts, Illinois and D.C. because they are committed to placing needy children with a married mom and dad."
- Marxism, which has permeated virtually every segment of society is also influencing the family structure. Marxists feel that they are the ones that should raise our children. Dr. Irwin Lutzer said Karl Marx believed Christian homes “feed on greed and systemic oppression. Such families had to be dismantled if the Marxist vision of equality was to be realized...In Marxism, the family is perceived as a unit in which wives are suppressed by their husbands and children are suppressed by their parents. These clusters of oppressions have to be broken up; mothers have to leave their homes and join the workforce.”³¹

²⁸Ibid. 166-167.

²⁹ Ibid. 191.

³⁰ Tom Logan, *Race, Racism, and Slavery; The Biblical Perspective* 147-150.

³¹ Dr. David Jeremiah, *Where Do We Go From Here, How Tomorrow's Prophecies Foreshadow Today's Problems*; 15.

- Family businesses attacked for holding to their Christian beliefs in not participating in sinful activities (e.g., family owned bakers and flowers shop catering same-sex marriages) .
- Christian public-school teachers and university professors terminated and/or disciplined for not catering to the transgender agenda (e.g., addressing females with male names and titles, and vice versa).

The family is the basic unit of a civilized society and is one of the institutions God established. From the example cited above you can see the many ways it is being attacked by the Government which is another institution God has established.

Rebellion by U.S. Government

We showed some of the ways the U.S. Government has rebelled against God in the earlier parts of this Chapter. However, we are including some of the other ways in this section. Consider the following:

- On December 2, 2008, the Federal Government opened the new U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington DC. The Center cost \$621 million and it is to serve a museum and information center for visitors to the nation’s capital. When the Center was opened it was revealed that all references to Christianity had been deliberately and calculatingly removed. The national motto of the United States is “In God We Trust” was established by an act of Congress in 1956. This was deliberately omitted as one member on the team stated that the national motto of the United States is “*E. Pluribus Unum*”, meaning “Out of Many, One.”³²
- The designers of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center demonstrated a determination to erase every aspect of Christianity as they photoshopped to remove from the enlarged image of the Constitution the words “in the Year of our Lord” which was engraved above the signatures of the signers.³³
- During President’s Lincoln second inauguration, He placed his Bible on a table which was in the original Visitor’s Center. Now, just the table was on display with the Bible removed.³⁴
- Since the days of the Civil War the United States had on the edge of its coins the words “In God We Trust.” In 2007, when the U.S. Mint began issuing a new series of presidential \$1 coins these words were deliberately omitted. Fortunately, as a result of the outcry from enough U.S. citizens, Congress passed a bill to restore the motto to the front of the coins. This demonstrates, however the mindset of the leaders in Congress about God and Christianity.³⁵
- War memorials and crosses have been under attack and continue to be so since the cross is a Christian symbol.

³² David Horowitz, *Dark Agenda, The War to Destroy Christian America*; 37.

³³ *Ibid.* 38.

³⁴ *Ibid.* 38.

³⁵ Brad O’Leary, *America’s War On Christianity, In God We Trust*; 3-4.

- At the college of William and Mary in Virginia the Administration removed the antique bronze cross from the historic Wren Chapel after one complaint to make it less “faith-specific.” After much resentment from various alumni and students, the college decided to move the cross into a glass display case at the front of the chapel.³⁶
- The official Military Code of conduct states the following: “I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.”³⁷
- In the Lackland Air Force Base in Florida it has hosted weekly meetings for Wiccans those who practice the Wicca religion or witchcraft. In their defense, the Wiccans claim that what they do has nothing to do with Satan but a reference of nature, worship of a fertility goddess, hedonism and “group magic.”³⁸

These are just some of many examples of the U.S. Government openly rebelling against God by attacking the Christian faith. There are many other examples but we believe these are sufficient to give you an understanding as we attempt to accomplish our overall goal in this book, which is to explain why the United States is not specifically mentioned in end-time prophecy.

CHAPTER 4

United States Rebellion Against God, Part 2

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear (Isaiah 59:2).

Rebellion Against God in Law Enforcement - Defund Police

As of August of 2020, at least 13 cities are defunding their police departments and several others are considering the same action. Chicago, LA, NY, DC, Baltimore, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and others have cut millions of dollars from their police budget; and some have called for abolishing the police altogether. In all of these cities crime has increased substantially; and the FBI reported that in 2020 murder rates have increased almost 30% across the board. The report shows that there were 4,901 more murders committed in 2020 than in 2019, which is the largest single-year increase since the FBI began keeping statistics in 1960.³⁹ This certainly says much about defunding the police. Furthermore, it is important to remember as stated as earlier, that law enforcement, including police, were put here by God for our good (Rom. 13:4). Any attack on them is a direct attack on an institution that God has established and an indirect attack on God Himself. Christians should never support destroying an institution that God has established, whether government, police, church, or any other entity.

³⁶ Brad O’Leary, *America’s War On Christianity, In God We Trust*; 9.

³⁷ Brad O’Leary, *America’s War On Christianity, In God We Trust*; 19.

³⁸ Ibid.

³⁹ Tom Logan, *Race, Racism, and Slavery; The Biblical Perspective*; 145.

In December 2021 the FBI released statistics showing a 51% increase in the number of police officers killed in the line of duty with approximately one week to go before the end of the year. This included 59 law enforcement officers compared to 39 from the same time frame in 2020.⁴⁰

U.S. Rebellion Against the Church

We've seen a number of examples above showing how the United States Supreme Court rebelled against the church and Christians, so we won't repeat those here. However, we will include some additional examples of how this rebellion is taking place.

- Banning the cross off many public places – In 2007, governmental officials in Chesapeake, Virginia ordered Christians to remove a cross from a booth the group set up in a public park for an Independence Day parade. The cross was deemed to be offensive.⁴¹
- In 2008 the Democratic National Convention removed God's name from their platform.⁴²
- On February 25, 2021 at a hearing on the Equality Act, New York Congressman Jerry Nadler said, "Mr. Steube, what any religious tradition describes as God's will is no concern of this Congress."⁴³
- Denying government benefits to religious institutions.⁴⁴
- In April 2009 when President Barak Obama was scheduled to give an address at Georgetown University, the Catholic Church was required to cover up all Christian religious symbols.⁴⁵

President Obama's Administration has been the more rebellious toward Christians and the Christian church than any Administration in history. Consider some of the actions taken by his Administration:⁴⁶

- December 2009 – The annual White House Christmas cards, rather than focusing on Christmas or faith, instead highlight things such as the family dogs. And the White House Christmas tree ornaments include figures such as Mao Tse-Tung and a drag queen.
- May 2016 – President Obama appoints a transgender to the Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships — an act of overt disdain and hostility toward traditional faith religions.
- September 2015 – For White House and State Department dinners, the president deliberately invites guests that he knows will be offensive to the Pope and who openly opposed his message, but he and the State Department very carefully avoid inviting guests that oppose or would offend the dictators of countries such as Cuba and China.

⁴⁰ Tracy Carlross, *Number of police officers killed in line of duty increases 51%, according to FBI*; October, 25, 2021.

⁴¹ Brad O'Leary, *America's War on Christianity In God We Trust*; 9.

⁴² Steven Ertelt; *Democrats Remove Any Mention of God From DNC Platform*, Lifenews.com; September 4, 2012.

⁴³ Tony Perkins; <https://www.frc.org/updatearticle/20210301/nadler-god>; March 1, 2021.

⁴⁴ Health and Human Services; <https://www.hhs.gov/answers/grants-and-contracts/what-are-the-rules-on-funding-religious-activity-with-federal-money/index.html>.

⁴⁵ Brad O'Leary, *America's War on Christianity In God We Trust*; 1.

⁴⁶ <https://wallbuilders.com/americas-biblically-hostile-u-s-president>

- June 2013 – The Obama Department of Justice defunds a Young Marines chapter in Louisiana because their oath mentioned God, and another youth program because it permits a voluntary student-led prayer.
- February 2013 – The Obama Administration announces that the rights of religious conscience for individuals will not be protected under the Affordable Care Act.
- January 2013 – Pastor Louie Giglio is pressured to remove himself from praying at the inauguration after it is discovered he once preached a sermon supporting the Biblical definition of marriage.
- February 2012 – The Obama administration forgives student loans in exchange for public service, but announces it will no longer forgive student loans if the public service is related to religion.
- January 2012 – The Obama administration argues that the First Amendment provides no protection for churches and synagogues in hiring their pastors and rabbis.
- November 2011 – President Obama opposes inclusion of President Franklin Roosevelt’s famous D-Day Prayer in the WWII Memorial.
- November 2011 – Unlike previous presidents, Obama studiously avoids any religious references in his Thanksgiving speech.
- August 2011 – The Obama administration releases its new health care rules that override religious conscience protections for medical workers in the areas of abortion and contraception.
- April 2011 – For the first time in American history, Obama urges passage of a non-discrimination law that does not contain hiring protections for religious groups, forcing religious organizations to hire according to federal mandates without regard to the dictates of their own faith, thus eliminating conscience protection in hiring.
- February 2011 – Although he filled posts in the State Department, for more than two years Obama did not fill the post of religious freedom ambassador, an official that works against religious persecution across the world; he filled it only after heavy pressure from the public and from Congress.
- January 2011 – After a federal law was passed to transfer a WWI Memorial in the Mojave Desert to private ownership, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that the cross in the memorial could continue to stand, but the Obama administration refused to allow the land to be transferred as required by law and refused to allow the cross to be re-erected as ordered by the Court.
- November 2010 – Obama misquotes the National Motto, saying it is “E pluribus unum” rather than “In God We Trust” as established by federal law.
- October 19, 2010 – Obama begins deliberately omitting the phrase about “the Creator” when quoting the Declaration of Independence – an omission he has made on no less than seven occasions.
- May 2009 – Obama declines to host services for the National Prayer Day (a day established by federal law) at the White House.
- April 2009 – In a deliberate act of disrespect, Obama nominated three pro-abortion ambassadors to the Vatican; of course, the pro-life Vatican rejected all three.

- February 2009 – Obama announces plans to revoke conscience protection for health workers who refuse to participate in medical activities that go against their beliefs, and fully implements the plan in February 2011.
- April 2008 – Obama speaks disrespectfully of Christians, saying they “cling to guns or religion” and have an “antipathy to people who aren’t like them.”

We are aware of the love and adulation many, especially blacks, have for the Obamas; and the offense people experience on any criticism of them. However, this is not a *personal* attack on the Obamas, his Administration, or any individual therein. We are presenting documented facts to demonstrate how the United States Government has rebelled and is rebelling against God. In doing this we are not focusing in on any particular individual as such. We are attempting to point out facts, demonstrating the rebellions against God. Furthermore, this knowledge and information It is to help all of us to correct, reprove ourselves and gain instructions in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Best selling author Brad O’Leary listed a number of other attacks by state and local governments on the church and Christianity:⁴⁷

- In Massachusetts, members of a Bible club wanted to pass out candy canes with an attached religious message but were told by their school superintendent it would violate the rights of the recipients. When the students did it anyway, they were suspended, and it took a sixty-seven-page court ruling in their favor for school officials to back off.
- In Washington, a schoolgirl was not allowed to sing the word “Christmas” and instead was ordered to substitute “winter.”
- In Florida, a school principal initially banned the name “Jesus Christ” on a Christmas party invitation poster.
- In Virginia, officials at a state school for the deaf and blind banned religious songs from a Christmas program.
- In Texas, in a report on volunteer work done for a squadron Christmas party, “Christmas” was crossed out and replaced with “holiday.”
- In another Texas locale, students were told they could not wear red and green because those are Christmas colors.
- In Arizona, a public-school choir director sought legal advice to have her choir perform Christmas carols.
- In New Jersey, a school banned some Christmas carols in a school program and replaced words in traditional pieces such as “Silent Night” with secular words.

⁴⁷ Brad O’Leary, *America’s War on Christianity; In God We Trust*; 31-32.

- In Minnesota, a library’s Christmas tree must be called “holiday” tree because it has become an “offense” to one worker due to its Christian meaning.
- And, among dozens of other cases, in Illinois an employer told a worker not to say, “Merry Christmas.”

We stated that our major corporations and labor unions are in bondage to greed but there is another area that shows corporations declining under the remedial judgments of God. These are U.S. Corporations with long established history and are iconic in the American industry. Though there is a growing list of these we will give you examples of five, just to show you how these entities are engaging in activities that are rebellious and antibiblical.

Walt Disney

What can be more American than the Walt Disney Company, commonly referred to as Disney? Since its founding in 1923, this entertainment and media conglomerate has entertained multiple millions of people from around the world. It was a family friendly organization wowing kids and adults alike. Shows like Alice in Wonderland, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Beauty and the Beast, Sleeping Beauty, The Little Mermaid, and Roger Rabbit kept children and adults amused for decades. There were the various cartoon characters like Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy, Jiminy Cricket, Peter Pan, Winnie The Pooh, and hundreds of others - all dominating the media and theme parks and becoming favorites of millions of youngsters. Families planned, saved, and eagerly anticipated visiting the Disney theme parks each year.

Then it happened. On Tuesday, March 28, 2022, internal Disney videos were released showing Disney officials discussing how they would insert the “not-at-all-secret gay agenda” into children’s programming. Disney Television Animation executive producer Latoya Raveneau stated that she is “adding queerness” wherever she can — with Disney’s blessing, as the company is “going hard” to be supportive.⁴⁸ In addition, Vivian Ware, Disney’s diversity and inclusion manager said the company has “removed all of the gendered greetings” at its theme parks. No more “Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.”⁴⁹

Disney has also mandated training centered on the evils of whiteness for employees. This amounts to nothing less than training employees to be racists. But how could a corporation that was a well-loved, family oriented,...conglomerate for decades make such a 180 degree turn seemingly overnight? This is Bible prophecy being fulfilled right before our very

It is abundantly clear that Disney’s is fully committed to exposing and indoctrinating little children to the widely unpopular but growing transgender movement and all of its offshoots.

The Coca-Cola Company

⁴⁸ Karol Markowics, *I’m Quitting Disney After Seeing it Boast About Pushing ‘Gender Theory.’*; New York Post, March 30, 2022.

⁴⁹ Ibid.

What can be more American than Coca-Cola? In February 2021, a whistleblower at Coke revealed that the company had mandated training requiring for all its employees. This training was to teach the employees “what it means to be white.” It didn’t stop there however; it went further in training them how to “try and be less white.” After the PowerPoint slides from the training went viral, Coke found it necessary to go to damage control. However, this did not last long and six weeks later Coke double down on their racist training agenda.⁵⁰

United Airlines

In April 2021, United announced that their goal is to ensure that at least half of the new pilots would be women or “people of color” by the end of the decade. While diversity in an organization is something good, it should never take precedent over being qualified. This is especially true where lives are at risk. For example, when President Biden stated that he would choose a black woman to be on the Supreme Court, this was obviously his primary deciding factor. However, no one lives were at risk with this decision (at least not immediately and directly). When Facebook used color as its priority in hiring new marketing executives, this may well be racist and discriminatory, but does not jeopardize the safety and life of others. When United Airlines, use race as a priority in hiring airline pilots, this is a completely different story. Those pilots’ skills, experience, and overall qualification are main deciding factors in determining whether the plane will land safely or crash. Perhaps United Airlines are not prioritizing race over other qualifications, but past observations of other organizations and the current culture trends demonstrate otherwise.⁵¹

Nabisco

The name Nabisco is as household in America as baseball or apple pie. Everyone of age has heard of and/or used its products at one point or another. Oreos, Vanilla Wafers, Wheat Thins, Ritz, Saltines, and dozens of other products are commonplace in the American household. However, this company has also fallen to the pressures of being woke. In 2020 during the COVID pandemic Nabisco announced its support for anti-Biblical, Anti-American movements brought about by Black Lives Matter (BLM). BLM has been found to be a Marxist organization that believes in the destruction of the traditional nuclear family, defunding police, and other entities established by God.⁵²

Professional Sports Leagues

Consider the NBA, NFL, and MLB and the enormous amount of skills and talents displayed by the participants in these sports leagues. They are admired and emulated by millions throughout the world as they performed spectacular feats of athleticism. But actions from these leagues have shown their anti-American bias that has been growing in recent years. MLB moved its All-Star game from Atlanta to ...as it surrendered to political pressure. The move hurt the very people and businesses it supposedly cared so much about. The NBA supports anti-

⁵⁰ The BSC Team; *Five Woke Companies And The Alternatives To Them*; July 11, 2021.

⁵¹ Ibid,

⁵² Ibid.

American slogans and displays while silencing those who speak out against inhumane treatment and personal freedom in China and Hong Kong. The NFL supported kneeling when the National Anthem was being played at games for the National Athens.

There are many other corporations and organizations that we can cite here but we believe that the ones mentioned above is sufficient to give you an indication of how these entities are declining morally, civically,In the past, no one would ever dream of these corporations taking the stand that they're taking today. This because now they are under the remedial judgments of God and cannot help themselves (Deut. 28: 20).⁵³

We would be remiss if we did not say how the church as a whole and from within has rebelled against God, and is in need of repentance. We can look back in history at the time of the church's sinful behavior during the Crusades, Inquisition, and anti-Semitism, but we're more concerned with the church's more current behavior. We will attempt to stay focus on what the church is doing in this current generation. When we come up to the 21st Century and the church today, we also see sins against God within the church. Divorce, premarital sex, abortion, and homosexuality is increasing within the Christian community. Abortion is practiced among Christians, and some even consider themselves "pro-choice." We see racism and favoritism. Many of our church leaders are having "affairs" with parishioners. And some church leaders have become corrupted with power to achieve more money and gain greater status. There have been splits and divisions within many congregations, many times over something as simple as what type of music should be played and what instruments should be used. And of course, there is the watering down of the gospel of Jesus Christ. All of these are sinful, rebellious acts again God by the church itself.

One area where the church has been very negligence is when it teaches that Christians should not get involved in politics. While we do not believe most churches do this we are aware of a significant number of Christians in various denominations that are taught voting and being involved in politics is something they should stay away from. This is based mostly on the erroneous interpretation of Philippians 3:20 which says, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Also, 2 Corinthians 6:17, which says, "Therefore, Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

Obviously, these verses are not meaning that we should not participate in voting, politics, working, socializing, etc. If this were so we couldn't be a light to the world and be in a position to help bring the unsaved to Christ. When God told us to come out from the world and be separate this does not mean that we are to isolate ourselves from other individuals, programs, and systems. It means that we are not to let individuals, programs, and systems that are anti-biblical influence us. These verses are referring to the sinful ways of the world, and that we should not participate or be conformed to these ways (Rom. 12:2).

It may be helpful at this point to show why Christians should vote and participate in politics in our nation. Christians have an obligation to vote for and be involved in politics based on a

⁵³ Ibid.

several biblical injunctions. Here are some of the biblical reasons as to why Christians should not only vote but participate in politics as well.

First, as we've seen the Government was established by God so it belongs to Him (Rom. 13:1). Since God is our heavenly Father and He establishes all governmental authorities, it follows that we should be involved in what our Father has established. And we as Christians have been given stewardship of the government and have a duty and responsibility to participate in government. Unfortunately, some studies show that as many as 1/3 of Christians in the United States don't vote and are not even registered to vote.

Another reason Christians should be involved in politics is because we are citizens just as everyone else. We understand that we are citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20) but at the present time, we have a dual citizenship until we come into the fulness of the Kingdom. Therefore, we have been given the authority to vote by the US Constitution and are obligated to vote as citizens. It is a civil right. If we don't vote, we're essentially saying we will let only non-believers, atheists, agnostics, and others run the country and tell us how to live.

Christians should also be involved in politics because we are followers of Jesus Christ and Jesus was involved in politics. The political leaders of Jesus' day were the Pharisees. They were the religious leaders, but they were also the political leaders. They passed Jewish laws and policies, and they were in charge of the Jewish court, called the Sanhedrin. So they were the government for the Jewish people. Still Jesus specifically told them where and when they were wrong, and He didn't hold back. He was involved in politics (Matt. 23).

Another reason Christians should be involved in politics is because politics affect the church and our civil liberties. Christians have always been attacked since Jesus started the church in the first century. Persecution began almost immediately and continued on up until about 312 AD when Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. And it continued after the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s with Martin Luther. And today, Christians are being attacked in the United States more than any time since it became a nation. This persecution is found in politics, education, entertainment, employment, and practically every other industry one can imagine. We would certainly be negligent and disobedient if we did not defend the Christian faith which our Savior has established (1 Peter 3:15; Phil 1:17).

Politics affect our children and our rights as parents. Our children's right and our rights as parents are being attacked increasingly in the United States. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in the public school system. Our public school system has been hijacked by atheists and secular humanists and parents are blocked from doing anything about it. Consider Critical Race Theory and other antibiblical teachings being forced upon our children today. CRT is relatively recent but the trend towards secularism has been growing in the public school system for decades.

The Family Research Council (FRC) released a 56-page booklet several years ago entitled "Sex Education in Public Schools." And it outlined how far these programs go in terms of the material presented to students and the age at which it is presented. For example: "All public schools in California, New Jersey, and Illinois are now required to teach children LGBTQ history. And in Illinois, schools are not even allowed to purchase history textbooks that fail to

include an LGBTQ angle. As Christians, why would we want our children to be indoctrinated with information that is clearly anti-Christian?

Christians should also be involved in politics because politics affect what is moral and just, not only for Christians but for everyone else. For example, when we look at the institution of slavery, we see that slavery as practiced in the United States was not moral and just. But this is an example of where Christians were involved, made a significant difference, and this is why the institution of slavery has been abolished in the United States. Slavery was first ended in England by a devoted Christian whose name was William Wilberforce. He fought relentlessly against the slavery system in the British Parliament for years. He wrote in his diary that God had set before him to suppress the slave trade and he worked faithfully until he got this accomplished. This did not come easy for Wilberforce. The British Parliament opposed his fight to end slavery and he was the most hated man in England for years.

After fighting for twenty years to end slavery, on February 23, 1807, the abolition of slavery law was passed in England. This was twenty years after Wilberforce began his fight to end slavery. This means he spent all of his political career fighting to end slavery and God rewarded his efforts and slavery was finally ended in England. This paved the way for slavery to be terminated in the United States, but unfortunately it was 60 years later before they could get slavery abolished because one of the two major political parties fought relentlessly to keep slavery going. But Abraham Lincoln who was also a Christian, believed that God was calling him to end slavery. So the freedom of slaves all began with a Christian by the name of William Wilberforce in England and finally granted to slavery in the United States under another Christian name Abraham Lincoln. But let's just suppose William Wilberforce and Abraham Lincoln had said, Christians shouldn't get involved in politics and should not vote. The institution of slavery could conceivably still be in England and the United States even to this day.

Christians should also be involved in politics because Jesus said we are the salt and light of the world (Matt. 5:13-14). Jesus didn't say we are called to be the salt and light of the world. He said we are the salt and the light of the world. One of the several properties that salt has is that it functions as a preservative. And as salt of the earth, we as Christians are to preserve the justice, righteousness, and morality of Jesus Christ. We can't effectively do this unless we are involved in the making of policies and laws. The Psalmist said, "Your Word is a lamp into my feet and a light into my path." (Psalm 119:105). So the Word of God is that light and Christians are called to exhibit that light. We exhibit that light when we live by the Word of God, use the Word of God in every aspect of our lives, and select godly leaders. The believers see it, nonbelievers see it, the nation as a whole sees it and the whole world sees it. This brings glory to our Father in Heaven. This light then will illuminate the darkness in which anyone may be walking.

CHAPTER 5

Examples of Nations That Were Warned

*He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations;
Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah (Psalm 66:7).*

As shown in Chapter 1 it is God who creates nations and use them for His purposes. As Creator of all nations and everything else that exist (Col. 1:16) He owns all nations and desires that nations be obedient to Him in all things. Furthermore, God makes nations great, takes them away and/or destroys them (Job 12:23). He also selects leaders over nations, removes them and destroys them (Dan. 2:20-21; 4:17). Because God is love, we see throughout the Bible how He warns rebellious nations before bringing them to destruction. We read in the Scriptures that God says, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17).

From the Old Testament we see that God has a pattern in dealing with sinful and rebellious nations.

1. First, He raises up prophetic voices to call the nation to repentance. In the Old Testament these were prophets of God, given prophetic gifts from God to deliver messages from God. In the New Testament these were prophets and disciples of Jesus Christ; and today, these are pastors, preachers, and prophecy teachers who have the gift of discernment to see where a nation is missing God’s mark. In other words, they know how to apply the Scriptures to contemporary events. The warnings these men of God bring may be once or many over a long period of time.
2. If the nation refuses to listen to the prophetic voices, God will then move to His second step in dealing with rebellious nations by sending remedial judgments. These can take many forms (economic failure, rebellion of youth, an epidemic of divorce, confusion in government, foreign domination, giving the nation the kind of leaders it deserves and military defeat are shown in Deut. 28). These judgments can also last for decades and are designed to give the nation or people additional opportunities to remedy (repent and change) the situation.
3. If that nation still does not heed the warnings, continues to sin, and rebel against God; God brings that nation to destruction. We can see this pattern carried out with various nations set forth in the examples below.

Pharaoh and Egyptians

Most Christians are familiar with the story of the children of Israel in slavery which is found in the third Chapter of Exodus. Many books have been written, movies and television series have been made, and the story is usually taught to Sunday school students at a very early age. Even those in major world religions other than Christianity have heard or been taught about this event. The Israelites who had been enslaved in Egypt for approximately 400 years and had lost faith in God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Egyptians believed in and worshipped a variety of pagan gods, including for example, the god of the sun, the god of the river, the god of crops, the god of childbirth, and every other god for anything else they needed.

They attributed power to these gods and give them credit for fertilizing their corps, and giving sunshine when needed, and saw these provisions as evidence of their gods power and love. God sent Moses to Pharaoh to demand the release of His people and Pharaoh, the head of all of Egypt,

became indignant as this mere shepherd boy Moses brought demands from a God that Pharaoh did not know. The exchange went partly as follows:

Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.’”² And Pharaoh said, “Who *is* the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.” (Exod. 5:1-2).

Pharaoh was basically saying, “I don’t know this Lord, don’t care about this Lord and I’m not letting anyone go. Get out of here.” This was the beginning of warnings to Pharaoh.

God sent ten plagues as warnings to Pharaoh which is the same as remedial judgments. In the first plague, God turned the Nile River into blood which was judgments against the gods of the Nile. To try to get Pharaoh to recognize God’s divine nature and eternal power and to remedy the situation, God told him, “By this you will know that I am the LORD...” (Exo. 7:17). Pharaoh did not heed.

With the second plague God brought frogs from the Nile and had them invade every part of the Egyptians homes. The Egyptians saw frogs as sacred and the goddess of birth but dead rotting, stinking bodies showed just the opposite (Exo. 8:13-14).

Pharaoh continued to resist as the third plague from God consisted of swarms of gnats and was a judgment on the god of the desert. The Egyptian magicians declared to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God” (Exo. 8:18-19).

The fourth plague was a swarm of flies, a judgment against the Egyptians’ fly god. God distinguished between the Israelites and the Egyptians by not letting the flies bother the areas where the Israelites lived (Exo. 8:21-24).

The fifth plague, the death of livestock, was a judgment on two Egyptian pagan deities, one a god and the other a goddess, both depicted as cattle. God protected the cattle of His people while destroying the cattle of the Egyptians. Pharaoh continued to rebel but this time, he sent out investigators to find out if the Israelites cattle were killed along with the Egyptians (Exo. 9:7) but the Israelites cattle were all live and well.

The sixth plague consisted of boils which was a judgment against all the gods over health and disease. The Egyptian magicians were stricken with boils and couldn’t stand before Moses (Exo. 9:8-12).

Before God sent the next plague, He gave Pharaoh a special message that the final plagues would be more severe than the others and were specifically designed to convince Pharaoh, his servants, and all the other Egyptians “that you may know that *there is* none like Me in all the earth...and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” (Exo. 9:14-16). God, demonstrating His grace, warned Pharaoh to gather whatever cattle and crops that remained from the first sixth plagues and shelter them from what was coming. Some of Pharaoh’s servants took this warning

seriously and heeded it while others did not (Exo. 9:20). But consider how merciful and graceful God is, even with His remedial judgments!

Then God sent the seventh plague. This plague was an onslaught of hail which was an attack against the sky goddess, the crop fertility god, and the storm god. This hail was accompanied with fire that ran along the ground and was so extreme that everything left out in the open was destroyed by the hail and fire but no damage came upon anything in the land where the Israelites dwelled (Exo. 9:13-33).

Pharaoh continued to hold his ground as God sent the eighth plague which consisted of a large swarm of locusts that devoured what remained of the wheat and rye, and survived the hail. This plague also was against the crop gods, ensuring there would be no harvest in Egypt that year. Before sending this plague God even told Moses that the Israelites would be able to tell their children of what they had seen Him do in Egypt with His mighty power (Exo. 10:1-18).

In the ninth plague God sent darkness all over the land of Egypt. This was directly aimed at the sun god whom Pharaoh symbolized. The darkness was not your everyday darkness but a supernatural darkness that was so thick, it could be felt. It smothered the homes and properties of all the Egyptians while the land of the homes and properties of the Israelites remained with light (Exo. 10:21-29).

Pharaoh did not give in. So the tenth and final plague was the death of all firstborn males and a judgment on the god of protection for the children. When one think of the death of the firstborn we tend to think of babies or little children, but this was not the case. This plague took the lives of *all firstborn*, including adults and those in their old age. With this plague, God protected His people in a special and unique way. God commanded each family to take an unblemished male lamb, kill it, smear the blood of that lamb on the top and sides of their doorposts, roast it and eat it that night. If the family of one of His people did not follow these orders, that family would suffer the last plague. God described how He would send the death angel throughout the land of Egypt to slay the firstborn male in Egypt, including humans and animals. If the death angel saw blood on the doorpost of a particular household, he would passover that house and the people and animals would not die (Exo. 12:23). This, of course is where we get the term *Passover* which is a memorial of the night in ancient Egypt when God delivered the Israelites from bondage. In the New Testament era, Jesus is our Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7).

This was the tenth and last plague, but this was not the end of the story. This was the final remedial judgment that God would bring on Pharaoh and the Egyptians to give them their last chance to let His people go. By this time, all of the Egyptians and all of Israel had seen God's eternal power and divine nature. Israel knew that God would protect them, had a plan for them, and was obviously convinced that they served the One and Only true God. At the conclusion of this tenth plague Pharaoh knew that he had better let God's people go, after all, his own firstborn died in this tenth plague (Exo. 11:4-9).

After Pharaoh released the Israelites, he hardened his heart, changed his mind and made the grave mistake of sending his army on horseback and chariots after them. God opened a path through the Red Sea for the Israelites and they passed through. When the Egyptian army

attempted to go through the same path God brought the sea waves back, closing the path and drowning the entire Egyptian army. This is a clear, vivid example of God giving warnings, then remedial judgments, then, destroying the nation that fails to change.

Nineveh

We see a similar pattern with the ancient city of Nineveh. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria and a very corrupt and wicked city. Furthermore, Nineveh had been an enemy of Judah and Israel, God's people for a very long time. In 722 B.C., the Assyrians defeated the northern kingdom of Israel, destroying its capital, Samaria. In 701 B.C., the Assyrians nearly conquered Jerusalem, the capital of Judah. However, during Jonah's day this city was spared by God because the people repented (Jonah 3:5-9).

God promised that "if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it." (Jer. 18:8). Because the people of Nineveh repented and turned from their evil ways, God demonstrated His compassion and mercy, kept His word, forgave the city of Nineveh, and saved it from destruction. This was around 760 B.C. However, this city later fell back into its sinful, evil ways and approximately 200 years after Jonah's warning, God carried out His promise to destroy the city by bringing the Babylonians and Medes against it.

What we see here is God giving a warning first by sending the prophet Jonah. God did not see the need to bring remedial judgments upon the city of Nineveh since the people of the city repented. However, after falling back into sin, God did not see a need to give them further warning since they knew what He meant the first time as shown by their repentance. Therefore, after two centuries, God brought the city to destruction just as He said.

Judah

After the death of King Solomon, the twelve tribes of Israel split and the Nation of Judah, composed of Benjamin and Judah resided in the southern part of the Promised Land. This nation was blessed overwhelmingly by God but over a hundred years after the ten northern tribes rebelled against God and ended up in captivity by the Assyrians, Judah, as a result of her rebellion was attacked by the Babylonians. God issued warnings to Judah by sending his prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. From the Living Bible (TLB) Isaiah issued the following warning to the Tribe of Judah:

He will send a signal to the nations far away, whistling to those at the ends of the earth, and they will come racing toward Jerusalem. Their arrows are sharp; their bows are bent; sparks fly from their horses' hoofs, and the wheels of their chariots spin like the wind...They seize my people and carry them off into captivity with none to rescue them...(Isa. 5:26-29, TLB)

Jeremiah said the following to the Tribe of Judah:

This is your last warning, O Jerusalem. If you don't listen, I will empty the land. Disaster on disaster shall befall you. Even the few who remain in Israel shall be gleaned again, the Lord Almighty has said; for as a grape-gatherer checks each vine to pick what he has missed, so the

remnant of my people shall be destroyed again. But who will listen when I warn them? Their ears are closed, and they refuse to hear. The word of God has angered them; they don't want it at all (Jer. 6:8-10, TLB).

Judah continued its sinful ways and rebellion against God and failed to repent. God then sent remedial judgments against Judah in the form of defeat by their enemies. Several of these are as follows:

- Judah vs. Edom – Lost (2 Kings 8:20-22, Chron. 21:4-10).
- Judah vs. Aram – Lost (2 Kings 8:29, Chron. 22:5-8).
- Judah vs. Aram - Lost (2 Chron. 24:23-24).
- Judah vs. Edom – Lost (2 Kings 14:7).
- Judah vs. Israel – Lost (2 Kings 14:8-14, 2 Chron. 25:17-24).

Judah refused to repent and God moved to destruction of the nation by having the Babylonians bring them into captivity. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and his servants besieged the city and took Jehoiachin, King of Judah, his mother, servants, princes, officers as prisoners. Furthermore, he took all the treasures and riches as well as articles of gold King Solomon had made earlier. He took all the captains, mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, all craftsmen, smiths, and everyone else who possessed skills. He only left the poorest people who had no skills in the land (2 Kings 24:11-14).

Israel

Israel was warned by Isaiah, Jeremiah, and even Moses earlier about their disobedience and judgments. God brought judgment and expelled the Israelites from the promise Land three different times and brought them back after the first two times. The third and last time they were expelled was in 70 A.D. under the Romans and were scattered all over the world. As mentioned in Chapter 1. God is currently bringing them back into the land. But an example of Moses warning is set forth below.

And it shall be, *that* just as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess. “Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone (Deut. 28:63-64).

As usual, the Jews refused to obey and changed their ways so God removed them from the land for the last time in 70 A.D.

For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them, ²³ until the Lord removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, *as it is* to this day (2 Kings 17:23).

So these are some of the nations whose history we can review to see the pattern of how God deals with sinful, rebellious nations. In each of these situations we also see the results of their ignoring these warnings. Since God does not change, we can expect the same type consequences with future nations.

The United States

When we read and study the history of the United States, we see God using this very same pattern. In Chapters 4 and 5 you will read the many ways the United States has and is rebelling against God. But below are some examples of God's ministers have brought warnings to the United States and continue to do so.

Hal Lindsey – The Hal Lindsey Report

In 2019, Lindsey said the following:

“America is already splitting apart. Abraham Lincoln said, ‘A house divided against itself cannot stand.’ Lincoln borrowed that wording from Matthew 12:25 where Jesus said, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself shall not stand.”

“In the verse above, Jesus spoke of this principle in regard to Satan's kingdom, But the principle is universal. It applies to nations, cities, and even families. Lincoln said those words in 1858, not long before he became President. Shortly after he took office, America would divide, and Lincoln would spend his presidency trying to restore it. So far, things are not nearly as bad as the Civil War. No states have seceded, and there has been no credible call to arms. But in one way, our situation is worse...President Lincoln said that northerners and southerners, ‘read the same Bible and pray to the same God. Not anymore. The Bible doesn't list the United States as a major player in world politics during the Tribulation. For that reason and others, I have been saying for a long time that the United States will be drastically weakened by the time of the Tribulation. Some prophecy teachers have predicted nuclear war, or that some other weapon of mass destruction will be used against America. Many of us have hoped that between now and the Rapture, so many Americans will come to Christ, that their disappearance at the Rapture will cause the problem...America is likely to be even more divided and more filled with anger in 2020 than it is today. And a house divided can't go on for long.”

“As I have explained at length on several occasions, Jesus listed what we now call identity politics as a major sign of the end times. In other words, He warned us about these end-times divisions 2,000 years ago. Once again, His word is proving to be true. The Bible has the stunning ability to tell us about the world we live in — almost two thousand years after the last word of it was written. And since the Bible is true in the area of prophecy, we can trust it in every area of our lives. God's warnings are true, but so are His promises.”⁵⁴

Billy Graham – Evangelist, Revivals and Crusades

⁵⁴The Hal Lindsey Report, *Divide and Destroy*, 10/3/2019

Evangelist Billy Graham, who has preached to more than 2 billion people during his career released a letter in 2012 entitled “My Heart Aches For America.” In this letter, Dr. Graham compared America to the ancient city of Nineveh, which was the lone superpower of its day. He said the following:

“I think it is a perfect description. The parallels between America and Nineveh are hard to ignore. The stench of Nineveh’s wickedness was so great it reached God’s nostrils in Heaven. In the Old Testament book of Jonah, God said to the prophet, ‘Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me’ (Jonah 1:2). I believe America is right where Nineveh was.” As he wondered what his late wife, Ruth would think of this nation today he said, “self-centered indulgence, pride and a lack of shame over sin are now emblems of the American lifestyle.”⁵⁵

Tony Evans – Senior Pastor, The Urban Alternative

Prominent Pastor, author, and teacher Tony Evans and organizer for the National Day of Prayer said the following regarding America and the need for prayer:

"If there was ever a day when God's people needed to grab a hold of God and invite His manifest presence back into our midst, today is that day,"... "When you have that many people at the same time coming together to call on God about the same thing, then that creates a synergy and an awesome power of presence,"... "It's critical because we don't have solutions to the plethora of ills that our plaguing our nation on every single level,"... "And politics is not going to, by itself, bring about the changes for right that we're desperately needing in our country,"... "Anyone can participate, but we will not compromise the centrality of our message and our commitment to Jesus Christ,"... "But we do not want to tell others that they cannot participate, as long as we're not being told we cannot herald our faith forward,"... "The history of our country has been driven by a Judeo-Christian worldview, and so that has dominated the landscape. So it's important that we recognize the lordship of Jesus Christ without apology in our emphasis on prayer."⁵⁶

Charles Stanley – Senior Pastor, In Touch Ministries

In answering the question posed by Lisa Ryan of 700 Club on how you would characterize the tide in our nation at this time, Dr. Charles Stanley said the following:

“At present it’s like a tsunami. It’s coming and with it comes devastation, death, destruction of all types. Unless there is a change in the direction of this nation, we will experience a political, a social, and a religious tsunami in America.” Lisa then asks, how are we as a nation being disobedience? Stanley replied, “All you have to do is look around and see people’s attitude about God, about the Bible, about church; if you look down through history, nations that have rebelled against God have chosen their own way, who have ignored God, who have had all kinds of idolatry and immorality, what happened in the Old Testament when God’s people was

⁵⁵ Sean Green, *Billy Graham warns the US, A Call to Repent, God’s Prophet is Speaking, Is Anyone Listening?* Bossier Press Tribune; August 19, 2013.

⁵⁶ John Jessup, CBNNEWS.com; *Day of Prayer’s Tony Evans Warns ‘Time’s Running Out in America’*; 05-05-2016.

disobedient to Him? He judged them. He does not ignore rebellion. He does not ignore absolute defiance of the laws and principles of God. It's not a matter of somebody's opinion, It's a matter of truth and history. This is what happens when a nation turns up its nose to almighty God."⁵⁷

David Reagan – Prophecy Scholar, Lamb and Lion Ministries

“Our nation is spiritually sick to the very core of its existence. We have lost all sense of decency. We have been desensitized to evil. We are shaking our collective fist at God. And in the process, we are literally crying out for the wrath of God to fall upon us...I do not believe that either the Democrats or the Republicans are the hope of America. Rather, I believe that Jesus is our only hope. And, because I believe Jesus is our only hope, I therefore believe we have little hope because we have turned our backs on God.”⁵⁸

Franklin Graham – Evangelist and Missionary, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

In a June 15th Facebook post, Franklin Graham said the following regarding the survival of the United States.

"America is under attack from within. Godless socialism and communism are threatening our very way of life in this country and the inroads already made are shocking. Even though no one has fired a shot, the battle is raging and we'd better wake up before it's too late," ...It's like some people have blinders on and don't see the dangers of what is coming down the road... 'The goal of socialism is communism.' Communism has always been the enemy of the church. They executed thousands upon thousands of pastors, priests, and other religiously affiliated people throughout Russia, Eastern Europe, and China. Pray that God will spare us and that our political leaders will wake up to the enemy that is at the gate."⁵⁹

John Hagee – Senior Pastor, John Hagee Ministries

“I will assure you that America is in a fight for its existence and we the people must come back to the God of our Fathers...there is a serious united effort to bring our government down by the media. The liberal media is at war with the American people for the survival of our constitutional government and don't you forget it...America must have a righteous revolution...”⁶⁰

Robert Jeffries – Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Dallas

Pastor Robert Jeffress has warned that America's "collapse is inevitable" and the "implosion is coming...Over the last 50 years, there have been three explosive decisions by the United States Supreme Court that have so weakened the spiritual and moral infrastructure of our country that our collapse is inevitable. The explosions have already happened; the implosion is coming. We're living in that period of delay...No nation can survive that outlaws the mention of God in the

⁵⁷ Lisa Ryan, 700 Club; *Dr. Charles Stanley Warns About the Future of the U.S.* July 5, 2011.

⁵⁸ David Reagan, *America's Spiritual Crisis, An Overview of American's Rebellion, Part 1*; September 11, 2016.

⁵⁹ Bob Unruh, Daily Angle; 'Some people have blinders on': Franklin Graham warns U.S. 'under attack from within' June 15, 2021

⁶⁰ John Hagee, *Can America Survive*; John Hagee Ministries, July 18:2021.

public square, celebrates the killing of its own children and destroys the most basic unit of society, the family, unless there is a drastic spiritual revival.⁶¹

God even used, Alexandr Solzhenitsyn, a Russian Christian philosopher to bring a stern warning to the United States. In 1983 Solzhenitsyn received the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion at Harvard University. In his acceptance speech he brought out the following points:

“If I were called upon to identify briefly the principal trait of the entire twentieth century here too, I would be unable to find anything more precise and pithy than to repeat once again: Men have forgotten God.”⁶²

Here, Solzhenitsyn was not only speaking of men in the United States but men of all nations. He continued with his speech appealing to the foundational roots of America and the faith and values that made it what it became.

“The concepts of good and evil have been ridiculed for several centuries; banished from common use, they have been replaced by political or class considerations of short-lived value. It has become embarrassing to state that evil makes its home in the individual human heart before it enters a political system. Yet is not considered shameful to make daily concessions to an integral evil. Judging by the continuing landslide of concessions made before the eyes of our very own generation, the West is ineluctably slipping toward the abyss. Western societies are losing more and more of their religious essence as they thoughtlessly yield up their younger generation to atheism.

If a blasphemous film about Jesus is shown throughout the United States, reputedly one of the most religious countries in the world, or a major newspaper publishes a shameless caricature of the Virgin Mary, what further evidence of godlessness does one need? When external rights are completely unrestricted, why should one make an inner effort to restrain oneself from ignoble acts? “⁶³

It’s incredible to see how these men (and many others) are warning the United States just as God had prophets warn nations in the Old Testament before destroying those nations. It is sad that we don’t see the connection. We don’t see the pattern. We don’t see the “handwriting on the wall.”

CHAPTER 6

Remedial Judgments on the United States

“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you (Deuteronomy 28:15).

⁶¹ (Leah MarieAnn Klett; *Robert Jeffress Warns America's 'Collapse is Inevitable,' Says 'Implosion is Coming'*; The Gospel Herald Ministries, October 23, 2017.

⁶² Cal Thomas, *America's Expiration Date; The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States*; 135.

⁶³ *Ibid.* 176-177.

As explained earlier, God has three steps or phases in which He deals with rebellious nations (see Chapter 3). Obviously, the United States is no different as we've seen how it has rebelled and still is rebelling against God in several ways. In this Chapter we are going to provide you with several examples of remedial judgments that God has brought on the United States, and examples of judgments currently being imposed on the United States. However, in order to better understand how we can know these are remedial judgments from God, we will spend a little time explaining what is meant by the sovereignty of God. Understanding more about the sovereignty of God will help us comprehend why there are no such thing as accidents, mishaps, mistakes, wars, natural disasters, etc. without God. Any and everything that happens in this universe is specifically designed by God to occur or consciously allowed by God. These are sometimes referred to by theologians as God's perfect will or permissive will.

There are certain attributes and characteristics that God alone has in His Being that makes Him sovereign. All of these are substantiated in the Scriptures but we will only list some that are relevant to make our point.

- Omnipotence – God is all powerful, infinite power (Jer. 32:17; Matt. 19:26)
- Omniscience – God is all knowing, infinite knowledge (Psalm 147:5; 1 John 3:20).
- Omnipresence – God is everywhere simultaneously (Prov. 15:3; Jer. 23:24).
- Immutable - God cannot change (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).
- Eternality – God cannot cease to exist (Gen. 1:1; Rev. 1:8).
- Wise – God is all wise, infinite wisdom (James 1:5; Rom. 11:33).

With these attributes alone (and there are others) we can easily conclude that God is in total absolute, complete control of everyone and everything that exist; knows and has control over everything that has happened, is happening now, that will happen, and that can happen. He's in control of past, present, and future. In other words, God does whatever He desires to do in the heavens, on earth, in the depths of the sea, and all of the universe. He has both the ability and authority to do this because He is God. He is Creator. He is sovereign.

So when we talk about the sovereignty of God, we are saying that God has the ability and the authority to do whatever He wishes with His creation anywhere, anytime, and anyplace (Psalm 50:1, Isaiah 40:15, 1 Tim. 6:15). This includes everything He created in the spirit world, the material world, and throughout the entire universe. There is nothing on earth, in the earth, under the earth or anywhere else in the universe that can influence God or prevent Him from doing what He wants to do. He has total, absolute, complete control of everything that has existed, everything that exist now, and everything that will exist. There is absolutely nothing in the universe that occurs without God's permission. He works out all things according to the council of His own will (Ephes. 1:11). Let's get a little more specific.

- God is before all things (Col. 1:17). Before anything ever existed, there was only God that existed in three eternally distinct person, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Triune God or Trinity. In the Bible we read, "In the beginning, God..." (Gen. 1:1). That is, from eternity there was God and only God. Nothing else existed. The Bible repeatedly speaks of God being there "before the world began" as

seen in the gospels and in Revelation. Everything that exists are found in four categories: matter, energy, space, and time; and before any of these there was God.

- God created all things. Not only is God before all things, God also created all things. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1; John 1:3). When the Bible speaks of heaven and earth here, this does not only include heaven where God’s throne is and earth where we are. It includes all heavenly bodies all the planets, all galaxies, all seas, and everything else that makes up the cosmos. And He created all the inhabitants of the earth; fish and fowl, beasts of the field, birds of the air, you and me; everything that exists. Everything that we see today was created by God or built by man from what God first created. If we see buildings, houses, cars, clothes, etc., all of this was made from materials that God first created on the earth, and in the earth for man. God placed the material there, created man and gave man the knowledge how to construct things from what He created.
- God upholds all things. God not only created all things, He upholds all things. When He created the universe, He didn’t just walk away and said that was it. On the contrary, God is intimately involved in the sustaining of the universe. He sustains all things by the power of His Word (Heb. 1:3). The Apostle Paul said in Him all things hold together (Col. 1:17). In other words, God is keeping all of His creation operating and in existence.
- God is above all things. God who is before all things that He created and who is upholding all things is also above all things. He is transcendent which means He is beyond everything that exists. Paul said He is “one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.” (Ephes. 4:6). Referring to God’s glory, the Psalmist said, “O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!” (Psalms 8:1). When we say that God is holy, it means that God is other than everything else that exists. He is in a category completely by Himself. This means that God is separate and distinct from His creation and is higher than His creation – not Just in location but in His holiness, His morality, His love, and all of His attributes and characteristics.
- God knows all things. We frequently say that God is omniscience – *Omni* meaning all and science meaning knowledge. The Psalmist says God’s knowledge is infinite (Psalms 147:5). Isaiah says God knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10). This means that God knows everything about everyone’s past, present, and future. God knows everything actual and everything potential. This means that God knows

everything that happens and everything that can possibly happen even though it hasn't happened. He knows everything that can potentially happen.

- God can do all things. God is all powerful. We call this omnipotent. God promised Abraham, “¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”(Gen. 18:14). Sarah laughed because she was 90 years old and beyond childbearing age while Abraham was 100 years old. They thought God must've been joking but what happened? Sarah got pregnant and nine months later, delivered a son, Isaac. “For with God nothing will be impossible.” (Luke 1:37). God is not only infinite in His knowledge, He is infinite in His power. In other words, His power and knowledge are supernatural and have no limits. In fact, when we talk about God creating the universe, He is so powerful, that He just spoke and brought everything into existence out of nothing (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11). This shows that all the power we see in the universe (e.g., from the sun, wind, oceans. etc.) came from God merely speaking.
- God accomplishes all things. God's sovereignty over all things implies also that He accomplishes all things that He wills. We read in Isaiah, ““My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,”¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken *it*; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed *it*; I will also do it.” (Isa. 46:9-11). Anything God wants to accomplish, He will accomplish.

These seven attributes in the characteristics of God shows how he is sovereign. And He cannot change so none of these attributes can change. There is no other being in existence that has any one of these; and since God is before all things, created all things, upholds all things, is above all things, knows all things, can do all things, and accomplishing all things, He is automatically in control of all things; and we call this control the sovereignty of God.

What this means is that any and everything that occurs in the universe, God either specifically designed it to happen or consciously allowed it to happen, either by His perfect will or His permissive will. In any circumstance, if it happened it was His will for it to happen. Therefore, when something good or bad happens to a nation, if God did not stop it, we can make a rational inference that He intended for it to happen. Now let's look at some of the remedial judgments that were brought upon the United States. Remedial judgments to a nation can be seen as warnings to a nation to repent and change its ways – similar to trials that we go through as individuals. It is God attempting to get us to change, repent, and turn to Him. Since many of the most obvious remedial judgements brought upon the United States involve the Jewish people, the nation of Israel, we will look at some of these first.

From the earlier years of Israel's establishment as a nation the United States had supported the Jewish people providing billions of dollars in grants annually. Also, Israel has

been the largest recipient of American aid from 1976 to 2004 and the largest cumulative recipient of aid since World War II. In the past several decades, almost all U.S. aid to Israel is now in the form of military assistance, while prior to this, it also received significant economic assistance. Strong congressional support for Israel resulting in Israel receiving benefits not available to other countries. The United States has stood with Israel, ready to provide military weaponry and support to the only democracy in the Middle East. In the early 1990s America began to turn against Israel and side with its Arab neighbors in our determination to maintain access to Arab oil. God attempted to get America's attention through remedial judgments but the governmental officials in America did not or would not heed the warnings.

Many of the remedial judgments to the United States came about as U.S. Presidents and other governmental officials tried to force Israel to give up land. As you recall, God made a promise to Abraham that the land would be for him and his descendants). God reiterated the plan to Abraham's son Isaac and to Isaac's son Jacob. This means that the Abrahamic Covenant and the land promise contained within it is exclusive to the Jewish people as the sole descendants of Isaac. Furthermore, as a reminder, the land promise was an everlasting one (Gen. 17:7-1). Presidents of the United States and other governmental officials met with Israeli Prime Ministers and others to pressure Israel into giving up land to the Palestinians and each time, either before the meeting, during the meeting, or shortly after the meeting God sent remedial judgements:

Madrid Conference

On October 30, 1991 in Madrid, President Bush opened up a meeting which was forced on Israel and marked the beginning of the "land for peace" process.

At the same time a record-breaking storm along our Atlantic seacoast, produced 100 foot high waves, and heavily damaged President Bush's home at Kennebunkport, Maine. The headlines of USA Today on 11/1/1991 had the stories of the storm and the Madrid Conference side by side.

Round Six of Bilateral Peace Talks

In June of 1992 the U.S. government insisted that newly elected Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin come to Washington, DC and meet with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat to discuss Israel giving up land.

The day the meeting began, August 24, 1992, hurricane Andrew slammed into Florida with winds of 177 miles per hour. The damage done amounted to over \$30 billion – the costliest hurricane in U.S. History to that point in time.

Arafat at the United Nations

September of 1998 Yasser Arafat was invited to speak to a special session of the United Nations that was held in New York. President Clinton arranged a meeting with him to put pressure on Israel to give up land.

As the meeting took place, Hurricane George smashed into the Gulf Coast causing over \$6 billion in damage.

Arafat and Palestinian State

With U.S. encouragement, Arafat announced that he was going to proclaim Palestinian state on May 4, 1999. President Clinton later persuaded Arafat to postpone the declaration to at least December.

However, the very day the proclamation was to have been made (May 3rd in the U.S.; May 4th in Israel), the most powerful tornado in U.S. history tore through Oklahoma City with wind speeds of 316 miles per hour, destroying over 2,000 homes.

Camp David Summit

From July 11 through July 24 in the summer of 2000, President Clinton hosted a summit conference between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Clinton pressured Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak to surrender the heartland of Israel.

During these precise dates, a major heat wave struck the South Central U.S. and fires broke out in our Western states. At one point, there were over 50 active fires that consumed over 500,000 acres before the end of the month.

White House Ramadan Celebration

On Thursday evening, November 7, 2002, President Bush hosted a dinner at the White House to honor the Muslim religious holiday called Ramadan. In his speech that evening, the President said the following:

“...this season commemorates the revelation of God’s word in the holy Koran to the prophet Muhammad. Today this word inspires faithful Muslims to lead lives of honesty and integrity and compassion... We see in Islam a religion that traces its origins back to God’s call on Abraham...”

Two days later a total of 88 tornados hit Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

Middle East Peace Plan

On April 30, 2003, U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer presented the “Road Map” peace plan to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. It was a plan formulated by an ungodly coalition called “the Quartet.” This group was made up of Russia, the European Union, the United Nations, and the United States. It called for Israel to surrender Gaza and its heartland of Judea and Samaria to the Palestinians. On May 3rd Secretary of State Colin Powell departed for the Middle East for talks to implement the plan.

On May 4th Secretary Powell met with terrorist leader Hafez Assad of Syria and made a commitment to him to include the surrender of the Golan Heights in the peace plan.

That day a swarm of tornados began tearing apart the Central United States. Over the next 7 days, there was a total of 412 tornados – the largest cluster ever observed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration since it began its record keeping in 1950. The previous record had been 177 in 1999.

In summary between October 1991 and November 2004, the United States experienced:

- 9 of the 10 largest insurance events in U.S. history.
- 9 of the 10 greatest natural disasters as ranked by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) relief costs.
- 5 of the costliest hurricanes in U.S. history
- 3 of the 4 largest tornado swarms in U.S. history

All of these were linked to the U.S. attempts to pressure Israel into either dividing up its land or surrendering part of its capital city of Jerusalem.

Notwithstanding the remedial judgments in connection with Israel, there are others that apparently was brought against the United States for its sinful rebellion against God. These include one of the deadliest to hit U.S. soil. This was the terrorists' attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. This horrific act not only got the attention of everyone in the United States but practically everyone around the world, certainly in the developed nations.

You recall that on this dreadful day, 19 terrorists hijacked 4 American jet airliners, killed pilots and co-pilots and took control of the airplanes. American flight airliner 11 was flown into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 am and 17 minutes later United Airline Flight 175 was flown into the South Tower. These two towers collapsed to the ground in a pile of burnt and burning rubble within an hour and forty-two minutes. American Airlines Flight 77 flying from Dulles International Airport was hijacked over Ohio and crashed into the west side of the Pentagon in Washington, DC at 9:37 am. United Airlines flight 93 was headed in the direction of Washington, DC when some of the passengers attempted to gain control of the aircraft. During the scuffle the plane was diverted from its intended target and crashed into a field near Shanksville, PA at 10:03 am. According to Wikipedia, 2,977 people were killed, 19 hijackers committed murder-suicide, and more than 6,000 others were injured. Of the 2,996 total deaths (including the terrorists) 2,763 were in the World Trade Center and the surrounding area, 189 were at the Pentagon, and 44 were in Pennsylvania. These deaths included 265 on the four planes. This tragic has been to this day, the deadliest terrorist attack on the U.S. in its history and has caused unimaginable grief for many.

Incidentally, my wife Jan and I live in Temple Hills, Maryland which is only about 11 miles from the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. I was working in my office at home on September 11 when I heard this large explosion. I had no idea that the sound was from an airplane crashing into the Pentagon because it was muffled and distorted by the distance and buildings. It sounded as if it came from upstairs where my wife was. I thought perhaps the stove in the kitchen had exploded or something. But as I ran up the stairs, calling her name, I realized that there was

nothing up there to explode as our stove was electric, and our gas furnace is in the basement. When I got upstairs, she was watching the news and explained to me what had just happened. We thought of our friends who worked at the Pentagon but thanked God none of them were in their Pentagon office that day. I wanted to share this story with you because it was my first frightening, indelible memory of that terrible day.

We want to make something abundantly clear here. We're not saying that God directly brought this event on the United States as we have no evidence to support this claim. What we are saying is that God is sovereign (see beginning of this Chapter), knew this tragic would happen, could've prevented it from happening but chose not to do so. Therefore, it is His permissive will that it happened (Ephes. 1:11). Furthermore, keep in mind that God promises to bring judgment on the nation that rebels against Him, and we've seen how the U.S. has done this. So, for God to allow this tragic occurrence or to design this tragic occurrence, it was His will and judgment to do so. Also, we cannot rule out the possibility that God specifically designed this event to take place (e.g., Remember the Flood, Pharaoh's army, the Canaanites, Babylonians,).

Other judgments on the U.S. in the past include events like, defeat in Vietnam, AIDS epidemic, excessive crime rates, scourge of homosexuality, and natural disasters in the form of monster earthquakes and killer tornados and hurricanes. These are not just mere coincidences or accidents happening. God brings judgments on nations just as he does individuals. He disciplines His children (those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior) but punishes or brings judgments on others. He punishes all nations that rebels against Him, including His chosen people, Israel.

Division in Governmental Leadership.

In the three branches of government there have always been differences in worldviews, opinions, and ideologies as to which direction the country should take and how. This is evidenced in having two major political parties, Democrats and Republicans. In the past, for the most part, politicians would meet, disagree without being disagreeable (for the most part), and go out to have lunch together. A similar pattern would occur throughout the year. Today however, these differences have increased in frequency and intensity and become more personalized. There is such ill-will and hostility between these politicians today until there is an apparent hatred for each other. As such, terrible decisions are being made and nothing beneficial is being accomplished for the citizens of the nation as it continues to experience the judgement of God.

Botched Withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The U.S. military has been deployed in Afghanistan for approximately 20 years. Many Afghans were trained, supported, and worked alongside Soldiers, Marines, and other military personnel to protect innocent civilians from attacks by terrorist organizations such as the Taliban and Al Qaeda. After originally stating that there were 100 to 200 Americans left behind, the Administration admitted in December 2021 that since that time it has evacuated nearly 500 U.S. citizens. Furthermore, more than 80 billion in military vehicles and armaments were left behind, which will no doubt get into the hands of U.S. enemies and ultimately used against us. This is not to mention the 13 military personnel unnecessarily killed and others that were killed during

the evacuation. Strong evidence suggests that there are many still there, and this (the United States) is from a country that once prided itself on leaving no one behind.

COVID -19 and Variants

Since January 2020, the United States has seen the deaths of close to 1 million of its citizens and others resulting from the COVID -19 virus. During this time, in addition to the deaths, sicknesses, and hospitalization, the confusion surrounding the entire pandemic has been mind-boggling. Consider:

- Don't need a mask – wear a mask
- Mask work – mask don't work
- Everyone should get vaccinated – vaccination don't work
- Kids should get vaccinated – kids shouldn't get vaccinated
- People should lock down and isolate – people should be out in open
- Schools should be closed – schools should be kept open
- Government won't mandate vaccinations – God should mandate vaccinations
- Churches should be closed – Bars, retailers, and restaurants open

Talk about confusion! There are now reports being publicized that what was once held as truth by the authorities was a lie, and what was censored as lies are true. For example, at the beginning and for most of the pandemic, medical authorities required lockdowns of almost all establishments. This included public schools, colleges and universities, churches, restaurants, bars and other businesses as well as ordering people to stay at home unless necessary.

On January 31, 2022, researchers at Johns Hopkins University issued a study entitled “A Literature Review and Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Lockdowns on COVID-19 Mortality.” The study included the following:

“We find no evidence that lockdowns, school closures, border closures, and limiting gatherings have had a noticeable effect on COVID-19 mortality.”⁶⁴

The study went on to say that Shelter-in-place orders were also ineffective, reducing (COVID-19 mortality by only 2.9%. It concluded that lockdowns “are ill-founded and should be rejected as a pandemic policy instrument...They have contributed to reducing economic activity, raising unemployment, reducing schooling, causing political unrest, contributing to domestic violence, and undermining liberal democracy.”⁶⁵ Furthermore the lockdowns have done little to reduce COVID deaths but have had “devastating effects” on economies and numerous social ills.

DOJ Labeling Parents as Terrorist.

⁶⁴ <https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/iae/files/2022/01/A-Literature-Review-and-Meta-Analysis-of-the-Effects-of-Lockdowns-on-COVID-19-Mortality.pdf>

⁶⁵ Ibid.

Since the beginning of the public school system in the United States, parents were asked, encouraged, and even required in some cases to work closely with the teachers and school staff. To facilitate working together in this manner, various organization like the Parent's Teachers Association (PTA) and committees were formed to help achieve the best educational curriculum for the students. But today, in many school districts, parents are forbidden to have a voice in what the students are being taught (which is nothing less than Marxism). Parents are being censored from expressing their concerns at meetings, lawsuits are being filed, and the Attorney General of the United States have even labeled parents as domestic terrorist!

High Energy Prices

When Joe Bide was campaigning for President he responded to n energy-related question with the following: "I want you to look at my eyes. I guarantee you. I guarantee you. We're going to end fossil fuel."⁶⁶ During his first week in office, President Biden stopped oil and gas lease sales on the nation's more than 600 million acres of federal land. In addition, he cancelled the permit for the Keystone Pipeline. The Keystone Pipeline is an oil pipeline in Canada and the United States. It is designed to bring more Canadian crude oil to the United States faster and more efficiently. He said he cancelled the permit and stopped oil and gas leases to fight climate change. In addition to this act, he shut down development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Furthermore, he waived sanctions against the Russian-owned company behind the controversial Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline to Germany, meaning Russia will supply oil to European countries, enriching their coffers with billions of Eurodollars. President Biden said he waive the sanctions because the pipeline was "almost completely finished." He said the band was necessary to fight climate change, but this has made the United States completely dependent on foreign oil to meet the needs of its own citizens. This has forced the United States to beg Russia, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, and other OPEC nations to increase their production to help the country. Keep in mind that during the prior Administration the United States was energy independent.

While President Biden is working diligently to keep his campaign promise to rid the nation of fossil fuel, he has come up with a clever way to deceive the American people that the energy crisis is not his fault. He has blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin, the COVID-19 Pandemic, the big oil companies; and anyone or anything else but himself. Clearly his actions are the main part of the energy crisis *and* inflation as any first-year student of economics would know. Furthermore, we must remember that he made it abundantly clear that this was his intention in the first place. In addition to this, regarding curbing greenhouse gas emissions and higher energy prices, President Barak Obama stated to the editorial board of the San Francisco Chronicle on January 17, 2008 electricity cost would "necessarily skyrocket" as a result of capping emissions levels.⁶⁷ So President Biden knew precisely what would happen and it is clear that this is all being done deliberately to force the country away from fossil fuel to

⁶⁶Marshall Distel; *Joe Biden Declares That He Will "End Fossil Fuels"*; FossilFuel.com; June 28, 2020..

⁶⁷ Robert Farley; *Obama Wanted Higher Gasoline Prices?* Factcheck.org; March 23, 2012.

High energy prices cause the price of virtually everything else to escalate. Energy prices include cost for homes, business, travel and transportation, hospitals, schools, public utilities, and every other industry you can imagine. When these prices rise, they inflate the cost of everything else, and the United States is now seeing the highest Inflation in 40 Years. This is because of bad decisions and policies set by those in authority, our governmental leaders. Nearly half of the homes in the U.S. use natural gas for heat and the cost today is almost three times as much as it was just one year ago; and is continuing to rise. This has a ripple effect on practically all other industries to some extent. For example, it's almost impossible to make most fertilizers without natural gas but the fuel is now in short supply. This means it become much more expensive to grow crops, which in turn makes it much more expensive for the consumer to purchase food. Furthermore, communications companies find it more expensive to expand broadband access because oil and natural gas are crucial for making plastic conduits need to lay fiber.⁶⁸ The average American is paying almost 50% more today for gas than they did just one year ago, not to mention increases in prices for other goods and services.

Excessive Crime Rates.

The FBI's Yearly crime Statistics Report released on September 27, 2021 stated that "for the first time in four years, the estimated number of violent crimes in the nation increased when compared with the previous year's statistics." The report cited a 5.6 percent rise in violent crimes.⁶⁹ While the report did not specifically confirm the cause of this increase, we know from other evidential sources that, defunding police, liberal judges and attorney generals, low and no bail, reduced crimes from felonies to misdemeanor, and soft-on-crime approach are all major contributing factors to the rise in crime. This increase can be expected to get worse as the nation moves further and further away from God.

Millions Coming in through Open Borders

On June 1, 2021, President Biden officially ended the "Remain in Mexico" policy that was put in place by President Trump. This policy required asylum-seekers who crossed the border illegally to wait in Mexico for their cases to be heard by US immigration judges. The action taken by President Biden essentially sent a signal to the world that if they can get into the United States though the Mexico border, they are here to stay. According to a Pew Research Center document, the U.S. Border Patrol reported more than 1.6 million encounters with migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border in the 2021 fiscal year. This is more than quadruple the number of the prior fiscal year and the highest annual total on record.⁷⁰ This is not only putting an enormous drain on U.S. current resources (hospitals, housing. Schools, etc..) but the Border Patrol has also reported an increase in terrorists coming across the border.

Former Border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott made the following statement in a retirement message video message to his agents.

⁶⁸ Deb Fisher, *U.S. Senator for Nebraska, Sky-High Energy Prices*, November 08, 2021.

⁶⁹ <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-2020-crime-statistics>

⁷⁰ John Gramlich and Alissa Scheller, *What's happening at the U.S.-Mexico border in 7 Charts*; November 9, 2021.

“Over and over again, I see other people talk about our mission, your mission, and the context of it being immigration or the current crisis today being an immigration crisis...I firmly believe that it is a national security crisis. Immigration is just a subcomponent of it, and right now, it’s just a cover for massive amounts of smuggling going across the southwest border — to include TSDBs at a level we have never seen before. That’s a real threat” referring to the FBI’s Terrorist Screening Database. Your peers or you are taking criminals, pedophiles, rapists, murderers, and like I said before, even TSDB alerts off the streets and keeping them safe from [sic] America,” he said. “Even if we processed several thousand migrants that day and even if thousands of them were allowed into the U.S., you still took those threats off the street, and I think that’s worth it. So please don’t ever undersell how important your missions.”⁷¹

The U.S./Mexico Border has been found to be the deadliest crossing border in the world.⁷²

If the aforementioned does not convince you of how the United States is diminishing under remedial judgments, we ask that you meditate on how the United States is currently plagued with a number of crisis, all serious and simultaneous. Some of these are mentioned above but we categorized them here as crisis and added others.

Merriam Webster online dictionary defines a crisis as (1) an unstable or crucial time or state of affairs in which a decisive change is impending; especially one with the distinct possibility of a highly undesirable outcome. And (2) A situation that has reached a critical phase. Currently, the United States is under a variety of crisis that are taking place simultaneously. Some of these are listed below with brief comments.

1. Immigration Crisis - In 2021, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encountered 1,662,167 illegal immigrants, and that number increased to nearly 2 million when we add in those who were immediately turned away at the border.⁷³ As I write, News reports are that there are 10,000 to 15,000 on their way to the United States/Mexican Border.
2. Border Crisis - Last March, 172,331 illegal immigrants were encountered by CBP. By comparison, this April, CBP encountered 221,303 illegal immigrants on the southern border. This reached 1.06 million illegal immigrants for the first half of 2022. To make

⁷¹ Mark Moore, *Ex-Border Patrol chief warns of terrorists crossing into US through southern border*; August 17, 2021.

⁷¹ John Gramlich and Alissa Scheller, *What’s happening at the U.S.-Mexico border in 7 Charts*; November 9, 2021.

⁷¹ Mark Moore, *Ex-Border Patrol chief warns of terrorists crossing into US through southern border*; August 17, 2021.

⁷² Peter Aitken | Fox News *UN migration study deems US-Mexico border 'deadliest' land route in the world based on 2021 Numbers* Published July 4, 2022

⁷³ Katelyn Caralle; *CBC Encountered Nearly 2 million Migrants in Fiscal Year 2021*; Daily Mail 01/03/2022.

matters worse, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released 80,000 of those migrants into the interior of the United States.⁷⁴

3. Crime Crisis – U.S. Representative Pete Stauber (MN-8) made the following statement: “The United States is suffering from a crime crisis. Across our country, families fear for their safety when they hear stories of their neighbor’s falling victim to violent crime. And people are angry when they hear about criminals being released back into our communities due to woke district attorneys who refuse to press charges for criminal actions, leaving victims wondering why.”⁷⁵
4. Mass Shooting Crisis - A mass shooting is defined as at least four people wounded in a single incident, not including the shooter. However, there is no common definition of mass shooting, as it depends on which database is used. Using the definition of four people or more, the Washington Post stated there have been 232 mass shootings in United States as of June 6, 2022.
5. Gas Crisis – Gas prices are continuing to rise in the United States. On Monday, the national average was \$4.86 per gallon. A week ago, that mark was \$4.62 and a month ago it was \$4.30 -- meaning the average has soared by 62 cents over the past four weeks. A year ago, the average was \$3.05 per gallon.⁷⁶
6. Inflation Crisis – Inflation has gotten so bad in the United States that many economists are now predicting an economic recession. Tech billionaire Tom Siebel warned investors a dangerous combination of market headwinds. He drew parallels to the months before the dot-com crash and financial crisis. He further stated that he expects lower asset prices and inflation to force some crypto workers into conventional jobs. This was brought out at Robert W Baird's consumer, technology, and services conference held in June of 2022.⁷⁷
7. Fentanyl Crisis – According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Fentanyl has been driving a recent surge in overdose deaths nationwide. It stated that Fentanyl was responsible for about three-quarters of the 102,622 fatal overdoses in 2021.⁷⁸

⁷⁴ Jordan Lamb; *Border States Need to Override Biden and Secure Their Own Borders*; The Federalist, June 06, 2022.

⁷⁵ *America's Crime Crisis; Latest Ripon Forum Examines Rising Violence and the Need to Increase Public Safety in Our Country. With essays by Pete Stauber, Jason Miyares, Hannah Meyers & others; May 2, 2022*

⁷⁶ Clyde Hughes; *Gas Prices Swing Up Another 6 Cents Per Gallon Amid Rising Demand, Refinery Limits* UPI; June 7, 2022.

⁷⁷ Theron Mohamed; *Tech Billionaire Tom Siebel Rings the Alarm on Inflation, Markets, and a Potential Recession. Here are his 6 best quotes from a new interview.* Market Insider; 6/8/2022.

⁷⁸ Paul Best;

8. Food Supply Crisis – The food supply crisis is worse than most people realize, and is continuing to increase. Consider the following quote from Independent News, Organization, Devex: “In our careers, we have seen famine in Ethiopia, Sudan, and Yemen, and also hunger spikes following the 2008 economic crisis. These crises have toppled governments, impoverished millions, and destroyed decades of economic and social progress. Yet the food crisis occurring now is the worst we have ever witnessed.”⁷⁹
9. Baby Formula Crisis – For the first time in modern history, the United States has had to import baby formula from other countries. This is symbolic of third world countries which is a clear indication of U.S. pride being broken. According to Nexstar Media Wire, “It follows a crisis in which mothers, fathers and caregivers across the U.S. have had to scramble to find scarce supplies or drive long distances to buy formula.”⁸⁰
10. Airline Travel Crisis – Thousands of flights have been cancelled and the price of airline tickets have skyrocketed. Notice the following quote from Travel Expert, Brian Kelly: “I think we should all be keeping an eye on the pilot shortage. I think this crisis will become bigger and bigger. We don't have the same amount of recruits coming out of the air force, joining commercial airlines like we used to. It's really expensive to become a pilot. So there, you know, the airlines are scrambling and tons and tons of pilots are retiring. So this could be, you know, another kink to add to it. When they don't have enough pilots, there's less flights, and less flights means more expensive flights.”⁸¹
11. Identity Crisis – We are currently living in a nation run by a variety of political leaders who can't determine if someone is a male or female. Even Supreme Court nominee, Ketanji Brown Jackson, said she can't define what a woman is. Medical Insurance companies, obviously anticipating the increase cost of sex-reassignment surgeries in the United States have increased fourfold to cover the procedure. Researchers from Harvard University and John Hopkins University School of Medicine performed a study and analyzed National Inpatient Sample data from 2000 to 2014 to examine the incidence of and trends in sex-reassignment surgery and coverage.

Opioid crisis: Montana officials report 'alarming number' of recent fatal overdoses likely linked to fentanyl; Fox News; 6/7/2022.

⁷⁹ Chris Mitchell, Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Roy Steiner; *Opinion: Food crisis Underscores Urgency of Systemwide Transformation; Devex; June 01 2022*

⁸⁰ Professor of Pediatrics, Steven A. Abrams; *The US is Importing Baby Formula to Help End Supply Shortage – What Parents Need to Know; Nexstar Media Wire; June 6, 2022.*

⁸¹ Fox Business: *Travel expert warns pilot shortage crisis will get 'bigger and bigger'; May 13, 2022.*

“Over the study period, the researchers found diagnoses of transsexualism (TS) or gender identity disorder increased more than threefold from a rate of 3.87 per 100,000 patients in 2000 to 14.22 per 100,000 patients in 2014. Among those patients, the researchers found 4,118—or 10.9% of such visits—involved sex-reassignment surgery. A sub-analysis showed genital-only procedures accounted for the majority of all sex-reassignment procedures, and that the share of genital-only procedures rose from 72% of all sex-reassignment procedures from 2000 to 2005 to 83.9% from 2006 to 2011.”⁸²

12. Education Crisis – The foundation for failure in public education was set when God and prayer were removed from public schools decades ago. The education crisis has been brewing for some time. Consider the excerpts from a 2012 report from the Council on Foreign Relations task force chaired by Joel Klein and Condoleezza Rice.

"It will come as no surprise to most readers that America's primary and secondary schools are widely seen as failing. High school graduation rates,... are still far too low, and there are steep gaps in achievement ...and business owners are struggling to find graduates with sufficient skills in reading, math, and science to fill today's jobs." ⁸³

Moreover, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), for 2019; when comparing state/jurisdiction average scores in reading for eighth-grade public school students with those from 2017, 31 states scored lower, and 20 states/jurisdictions had no significant changes. Only 1 state scored higher.⁸⁴

With math scores for the same period for eighth-grade public school students 7 states/jurisdictions scored lower, 3 states/jurisdictions scored higher, and 43 states/jurisdictions showed no significant change in scores. ⁸⁵

These are scores within the United States. However, fairly recent results of an international exam given to teenagers showed the U.S. ranked 9th in reading, and 31st in math literacy out of 79 countries and economies.⁸⁶

13. Mental Crisis – There is clearly a mental health crisis in the United States as more and more adults struggle with some sort of mental illness each year. In 2019 alone nearly 50 million people (approximately 20% of the population) were diagnosed with a mental illness. This figure was taken before the COVID-19 pandemic. These stressors were

⁸² Daily Briefing; *Study Shows Rise in Sex-Reassignment Surgeries in the US*, March 5, 2018.

⁸³ John Ewing; *The Crisis in American Education*; AMS Blogs; May 6, 2019

⁸⁴ The NAEP Report Card; *NAEP Mathematics: State Average Scores* (nationsreportcard.gov)

⁸⁵ The NAPE Report Card; <https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/reading/nation/scores>

⁸⁶ Erin Richards; *Math Scores Stink in America. Other Countries Teach it Differently - and see Higher Achievement*; USA Today; February 28, 2020.

mostly attributed to illness, job loss, isolation, rising medical, cost, and financial insecurity. Furthermore, roughly 70% of youth in the American juvenile justice system have been diagnosed with a mental illness. A major cause is drug use that started in adolescence.⁸⁷

14. Fatherhood Crisis - There are 2.7 million children with a parent in prison or jail, and 92% of the parents in prison are fathers. To make matters worse, 2 out of 3 that are released will reoffend and be back in prison.⁸⁸
15. Cancel Culture Crisis – Big Tech censors any media outlets, individuals, and businesses they don't like from various free platforms. Research found that 84 percent of Americans feel cancel culture is a big problem in the U.S.⁸⁹
16. Media Truth Crisis – Out of 92,000 news consumers surveyed in 46 countries, a recent report found that the United States ranks last in media trust. This is worse than Poland, the Philippines, and Peru. Also, the report found that there were some improvements found in some countries surveyed but not the United States.⁹⁰

As mentioned earlier, these are not accidents as there are no accidents with God (Isa. 46:10; Ephes. 1:11). Just as God blessed the United States in prior years, He is now bringing judgment on the United States today.

In this Chapter we demonstrated a variety of ways the United States is being judged by God through what many prophecy scholars call remedial judgments. This is a part of the cursing, confusion, and rebuke spoken of earlier. As stated, these judgments are the second step God uses before bringing a rebellious nation to the third and final step which is destruction. The remedial judgments shown in this Chapter came in a variety of ways and will continue to come and increase until the nation repents or is destroyed as God has done with nations in the past. Some people, perhaps even you, may believe that all of this is coincidental. This is the reason why we began this Chapter by explaining what it means by God's sovereignty. Among other things, His sovereignty means that there are no accidents, mishaps, mistakes, or chance happenings. We

⁸⁷ *The Current State of Mental Health in America*; Planstreet; April 6, 2022

⁸⁸ Melissa Byers; *Fathers Behind Bars: The Problem & Solution for America's Children [Infographic]*; October 16, 2014

⁸⁹ Efreem Graham; *How America's Toxic 'Cancel Culture' Ruins Lives and Ends Careers*; 01-15-2021

⁹⁰ Rick Edmonds; *US Ranks Last Among 46 Countries in Trust in Media, Reuters Institute Report Finds*; Poynter; Rick Edmonds; June 24, 2021

pray that you understand and believe.

CHAPTER 7

Government Chaos and Political Confusion

“The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me (Deuteronomy 28:20).

Faith in A Different Party

Many voters in the United States are frustrated with the Democratic Party and believe they can find their hopes in the Republican Party, commonly referred to as the Grand Old Party (GOP). Arguably, the Republican Party as a whole seems to demonstrate better moral values than the Democratic Party, but this is the wrong place to put our hopes. A mere cursory review of the actions (and inactions) taken by the Republican Party today and over the past several decades shows that there is little or no hope in them as well as with the Democratic Party. Members of the GOP who were elected as leaders in the House and Senate have demonstrated their negligence and/or incompetence in various situations in the past and present.

Many times members of the Republican Party have let their constituents down by taking actions that were bad for the country or not taking actions when they should have been. For example, why aren't the Republicans doing anything when the President blatantly violates the U.S. Constitution by opening the borders and allowing millions of migrants to enter the country illegally? Or why is there not an outcry by Republicans when the public school system is being overtaken by radical ideologists? Why is nothing being done by Republicans when large tech companies are censoring U.S. citizens, thereby violating their First Amendment rights? Why hasn't the Republican Party done anything about the daily killing of blacks in inner cities?

We sometimes hear excuses like, “we can't do anything now until we get back the House and Senate” or “We need to get more Republicans on board first.” Even when Republicans were in control of the Administration and both houses of Congress, little or nothing has been done about these conditions as we see them worsening even today. Furthermore, even if the GOP is not in control, this is no excuse for them not making a consistent and urgent outcry to the public to demand justice where injustice is taking place. One does not have to be in control to sound the alarm until something is done.

There has always been division among the Democrat and Republican Parties but this was basically over various disagreements concerning laws and policies. Politicians would disagree, debate, argue but later go out to lunch or dinner together. In other words, it was nothing personal. Today, it is quite a different story as the disagreements have grown into personal character assassinations and ad hominem attacks. Efforts to denigrate and besmirch the other party which one does not agree with is increasingly common today. The government is even using law enforcement agencies to hurt and punish those with whom they disagree. Consider the following examples:

- On April 28, 2021, the FBI seized the cell phones and computers of President Trump’s former attorney and former NY Governor, Rudy Giuliani. Lawyer-client communications are and have always been confidential. Giuliani was never charged with anything.⁹¹
- Approximately two months later, Giuliani associate George Dixon had his home raided by the FBI. Dixon was working on a documentary about Joe Biden and his son Hunter, and their business dealings in the Ukraine. The FBI never explained the purpose of that raid.⁹²
- On November 15th 2021, the Justice Department arrested Steve Bannon, President Trump’s former advisor. Bannon committed no crime, but he cited executive privilege and did not work with the January 6 Committee. Claiming executive privilege in this type of situation has been standard procedure for decades. Any type of refutation is resolved in court.⁹³
- While Peter Navarro, trade aide to President Trump, was on his way to Washington National Airport, he was arrested, placed in leg irons and put in jail. Days earlier Navarro sued the January 6 Committee, claiming executive privilege about his communications with President Trump. Navarro said that he lives within feet of the FBI in Penn Quarter, DC., and that he even gave agents his attorney’s contact information beforehand. He said, “They chose a different route. They didn’t call my attorney. Instead, they went with this shock-and-awe terror strategy – They let me go to the airport and then take me with five agents, like I’m an Al Qaeda terrorist.”⁹⁴

On Monday, August 8, 2022 president Trump’s Mar-a-lago home was raided by a team of FBI agents.

These are just a few examples of many similar cases that are taking place in our nation today. To make matters worse, not only does the news media bring little or no attention to the public of these events; when they do it is usually distorted or exaggerated to the point where the truth of the corruption is not revealed. These are examples of what happens when we put faith in either party, Democrat or Republican.

Roe Vs. Wade

On Friday, June 24, 2022, the US Supreme court overturned Roe VS. Wade, a 49 year old law that allowed abortions in all 50 states. A little of the backdrop may be helpful here.

In 1969, Norma Leah Nelson McCorvey (Jane Roe in the landmark Roe v Wade case) was a 22-year-old divorcee, pregnant with her third child. She wanted to abort the child but Texas law

⁹¹ Tyler Stone, Tucker Carlson: *Democrats Are Rounding Up And Raiding Homes Of Political Dissidents, Imagine If Trump Did This*; Real Clear Politics; June 30, 2022.

⁹² Ibid.

⁹³ Ibid.

⁹⁴ Charles Creitz, Fox News, *Navarro responds to Jan. 6 committee after FBI treated him ‘like an Al Qaeda terrorist’ during airport arrest*, The Daily Hatch, June 7, 2022.

forbade abortion unless the life of the mother was at stake. Jane filed a lawsuit against Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade, challenging the abortion laws in Texas. She won her case and the rest is history. Since that time politicians and others have used *Roe v. Wade* to remove practically all restrictions from abortion laws, resulting in the death of approximately 63 million babies in the womb .

For almost 200 years in the history of the United States all 50 states in the country had laws forbidding abortion except where a mother's life was at risk. In 1967, New York and a few other states began to include rape and incest in abortion laws but abortion on demand continued to be illegal. So in 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the right to privacy included the right to abort babies in the womb by a vote of 7-2, every state in the country had laws forbidding abortion. In effect, what we had was 7 unelected judges reversing the will of the people of the country which had been in place for almost 200 years. Right away you can see problems with this type of reasoning.

Furthermore, the manner in which *Roe v. Wade* was decided was found not to be on any legal foundations by many legal scholars, but was obviously political. The overall issue in making such a determination is whether the unborn baby in the womb is a human being. Justice Harry Blackman ignored addressing this concern when he wrote, "We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins."⁹⁵ Can you believe this? Here we have a team of justices making a decision on whether to abort a child in the womb but feel that determining whether the child is alive is irrelevant! Confusion (or perhaps we should say delusion) on a mass scale! the Court did not even address the issue of when life begins at all. The case was not based on law as there was and is not any constitutional authority for abortion. In fact, the U.S. Constitution does not mention abortion at all. So the case was decided based on political bias. Even many of those who supported abortion stated that this case was not decided based on law. This was nothing less than judicial activism, the justices making law instead of interpreting it. Most in the legal profession knew that *Roe v. Wade* was established on shaky ground and that it would be a matter of time, before the results of this case were overturned. For more than 4 decades, pro-abortionists fought to keep *Roe v. Wade* alive. Pro-abortionist Congressmen and politicians fought to have only liberal pro-abortionist justices on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2016 Donald Trump was elected as President and was given the opportunity to put 3 justices, on the U.S. Supreme Court. These nominees were justices who believed in the Constitution but more importantly, from a biblical perspective, they were pro-life. This was sufficient enough to render *Roe v. Wade* unconstitutional, and on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

The stage was being set for this result in March 2018 when the Mississippi Legislature passed a law banning abortion after the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. The only exception was for a medical emergency or "severe fetal abnormality" but not for cases of rape or incest. This case was abruptly challenged by the Jackson Women's Health Organization and in November 2018 the US District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi ruled in the clinic's favor. The

⁹⁵ *Roe v. Wade* 410 U.S. 159, 730 (1975).

Women’s Health Organization had won its case and in December 2019, the Fifth Circuit unanimously upheld the lower court's decision. However, in October 2021 Mississippi appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court and Roe V. Wade was “overturned.”

It should be noted here that the decision being made by the U.S. Supreme Court was not about the issue of whether abortion should or should not be legal. It was about whether the U.S. Supreme Court has the authority to make that determination under the U.S. Constitution. It correctly concluded that it did not since the Constitution does not address the issue of abortion. The Court properly sent the case to the states to decide as the 10th Amendment to the Constitution required it to do.

As mentioned earlier, the Constitution does not mention abortion and Article 10 says that when the Constitution is silent on an issue, it should be given to the states to decide. This makes good sense because the people who would be affected by the decision are the ones who will determine what decision should be made, rather than 9 unelected judges making the decision for the entire U.S. population as was done in the original Roe V. Wade case.

Before the decision to overturn Roe V. Wade was finalized, someone leaked the initial draft, written by Justice Samuel Alito to the public. Protest from pro-abortionist activists and others immediately began in Washington DC, in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, and even in front of the Justices homes. These protests continued right up to the time the final decision was released to the public, and beyond. Crisis pregnancy centers, pro-life facilities, and even churches were and continue to be attacked.

Whether one is a Christian, atheist, or agnostic it should be repulsive to observe people protesting because they do not have the right to murder their own babies in the womb. This is actually no different than the Canaanites sacrificing their babies in the fire to false gods thousands of years earlier (Deut. 12:31). Today, they are sacrificing their babies for the passing pleasure of sex but the end result is the same; premeditated taking the life of an innocent human being. This is how far the U.S. has fallen as we move into the last days of this age. Some claim that the fetus in the womb is not a live human being but a group of cells. This is a ridiculous assertion as we are all human cells regardless of our age. Also, the fact that life begins at conception was established by medical authorities at a Congressional hearing more than 40 years ago so there is no excuse for the government to support this issue.⁹⁶ Furthermore, God makes its abundantly clear that not only is the fetus a life at conception but it is a life to God *before* it was even established in the womb (Jer. 1:5).

Mass Shootings and Gun violence

Gun violence is increasing in the United States every year and is now at epidemic proportions. Every day and night someone is getting shot in our country, in large metropolitan cities as well as in small towns and cities. This includes adults, teenagers, and even little children are getting shot with stray bullets. The government and politicians are at a lost when it comes to

⁹⁶ Norman Geisler, *Systematic Theology, Volume 3*, Appendix 1. 552.

addressing the shootings that are taking place. They are confused and unreasonable in their approaches in what to do. Let me explain what I mean.

Even though more people are shot every day than in single shootings, mass shootings get more attention. This is obviously because the media can enhance greater emotions while accomplishing its financial and political goals. But several reasons have been given for mass shootings. These are (1) a desire for attention and fame, (2) hatred, (3) revenge, (4) ideological issues, and (5) mental health.⁹⁷ If these are the reasons given for the shootings, any effort at a solution should be to address these reasons. But this is not what happens. As soon as there is a mass shooting, the very first words that come out of politicians' mouths are something to the effect that "We need stricter gun laws." This is ridiculous for several reasons:

1. Stricter gun laws prevent legal gun owners from defending themselves since they generally abide by the law and are left armless.
2. More stricter gun laws will never stop a person who intends to kill, from killing.
3. Many of the cities in the areas where mass shootings take place have some of the strictest gun laws in the country.
4. Laws work for people who are willing to abide by them, criminals are not willing to abide by laws.
5. By some counts, there are more than 400 million guns in America, it is virtually impossible to get rid of them all.
6. Those proposing banning "assault rifles" have never provide an official, national definition for "assault rifles."
7. Many of the strict gun laws already passed or proposed, violate the 2nd Amendment rights of American citizens.

Where number 7 is concerned, most gun owners use guns for a variety of reasons, including (1) hunting, (2) sports and recreation, (3) collections, (4) sales, and (5) self defense. These are legal, legitimate uses of guns that do not violate the 2nd Amendment. Stricter gun laws passed will only deprive these gun owners of their right to use guns for these purposes.

Consider this: The President of the United States and all of the political leaders in the country are protected with guns. This includes Congressmen, governors, celebrities, and other potentates. In addition our major institutions and activities are protected with guns. This includes office buildings, banks, jewelry stores, courts, factories, and other businesses as well as sporting and entertainment events. However, when it comes to the public schools and protecting our helpless children, they post signs reading, "This is a Gun Free Zone." Do you see the irrational thinking going on here?

Another important point we want to bring out here is that the Bible tells us that it is sometimes necessary to be armed for self-defense (Luke 22:35-39). We are also told in the Scriptures to defend our homes and property (Luke 11:21, Exo. 22:2-3); and of course, we are to provide protection for our families and loved ones (Neh. 4:13-14). This requires the use of whatever force is necessary and available to accomplish that purpose. However, we are to obey

⁹⁷ Oliver L. North and David L. Goetsch, *Tragic Consequences*; Fidelis Publishing, 2022, 35.

the law, which requires proper training with a weapon, and some other requirements. If these requirements prevent us from protecting our families and loved ones, we are to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29). In doing this, we are in conformity with the law, supported by the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Politicians, social activists and other anti-gun proponents are focusing on the *object* of the crime rather than the *criminal* committing the crime. After years of enacting more and more gun laws, mass shootings continue to increase so one would think that rational minded people would realize that more gun laws are not the solution. Passing stricter gun laws will never solve the problem because it is not the gun that is the problem, the use of the gun is a *symptom* of the problem. The problem is sin against God who is bringing judgment on the country for its rebellion as He said He would (Deut. 28:20). The one and only solution to this problem and others in our nation is brought out in Chapter 11.

Military Wokeness Training

The primary purpose of the U.S. Military is to defend the rights of its citizens. All training, preparation, purchasing of weaponry, etc. should be directed towards accomplishing this end. Since President Biden took office, the military has spent almost 6 million man hours on a political agenda which included “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” (DEI).⁹⁸ Imagine, while Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and other nations are building up their militaries, the United States is pushing a Woke political agenda. To make matters worse, after spending a year researching and studying data to determine if such an agenda was necessary, they found that fewer than 100 service members had engaged in “extremist activity” which would necessitate such training. This essentially meant that “for every documented case of extremism in the military, our military spent a whopping 58,000 hours in training on extremism.”⁹⁹

With the political correctness and wokeness, the U.S. military is facing the shortest recruitment shortfall in decades. Traditionally, many recruits for the military came from family structures that are conservative and patriotic, and this new military paradigm doesn’t fit their worldview. So this is no doubt a part of the reason for the recruitment shortfall. According to NBC News, this includes every branch of our military, which shows that “both a record low percentage of young Americans eligible to serve and an even tinier fraction willing to consider it.”¹⁰⁰

The political correctness and wokeness training is only one reason for this shortfall in recruiting. There is also the issue of vaccine mandates. Not only is the military losing recruits because of these mandates but they are losing military personnel with many years of experience. Many of these military personnel are being terminated from their jobs and losing their

⁹⁸ Kristina Wong, DOD: *Military Spent 6 Million Man-Hours on Woke Training Under Biden*, Breitbart, 16 Feb 2022.

⁹⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰⁰ Michael Snyder, *3 Reasons Why The US Military Is Facing An Extremely Severe Recruiting Shortage In 2022*, The Washington Standard, July 12, 2022.

retirements benefits because of refusing to take the vaccine. Even the National Guard is highly affected.

“Some 40,000 National Guard and 22,000 Reserve soldiers who refused to be vaccinated against COVID-19 are no longer allowed to participate in their military duties, also effectively cutting them off from some of their military benefits, Army officials announced Friday.”¹⁰¹

As stated above, the military was established by God to defend the rights of it’s people. But as you see it is being attacked by the very government established by God. The United States military is continuing its downward spiral as a result of remedial judgments on the nation resulting from its rebellion against God who judges all nations.

Socialism

We would be remiss if we did not explain a very serious, dangerous, condition that the United States is rapidly moving towards. This condition is an economic form of government called socialism. We will begin by giving a brief background of socialism, which is a destructive system, based on Marxism, and is playing a foundational role in virtually every aspect of the American society today.

The World Socialist Party of the United States describes Socialism as follows:

“The establishment of system of society based on the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and the interest of society as a whole...We call this common ownership, but other terms we regard as synonymous are communism and socialism.”

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Notice that after using soft language and euphemism the definition finally got around to using the terms communism and socialism. Socialism of course is seen by many as one step before communism. And historically, the evil, barbaric, horrors resulting from communism is clearly seen and widely detested. We can simply review history and see the hurt, pain, suffering and millions of deaths left behind by Adolph Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Joseph Stalin, Pol Pot, Mao, Vladimir Lenin, and other communists. The above definition also mentions common ownership. This essentially means “the people” will control all aspects of manufacturing, production, and distribution of all goods and services in an economic system. However, “the people” being a broad indefinite term always end up being the government, so the government is the one that controls everything. This is completely antibiblical as the role of government is to protect the rights of its citizens not to be specifically involved in the manufacturing, production, and distribution of goods and services.

When we look at the roots and source of socialism, we will understand very clearly why it is antibiblical. The origin of socialism has its roots in Marxism, an ideology started by Karl Marx. Marx was an individual that did not just hate God, he was an aggressive warrior for Satan. He

¹⁰¹ Ibid.

¹⁰² David Jeremiah, *Where do we go From Here? How Tomorrow’s Prophecies Foreshadows Today’s Problems*; 6.

stated that religion was an “opium of the people” and that the church is “medieval mildew” which must be scraped away.¹⁰³

Marx was wicked and evil, and even his own family believed he was possessed by a demon. English author, Robert Payne wrote, “He had the devil’s view of the world, and the devil’s malignity. Sometimes he seemed to know that he was accomplishing works of evil.”¹⁰⁴ His own son, at one point sent a letter to him and addressed it “My dear devil.”¹⁰⁵ Marx’s close friend and partner, Frederick Engels, stated that “ten thousand devils had Marx by the hair.”

This is the character and nature of the man who started the system of Marxism which later had offshoots or branches referred to as communism and socialism. You may be asking why are we including this long discussion on socialism in and about the endangered status of the United States? The reason is this is where the United States is headed. There are members of Congress, as well as state and city governmental officials who strongly support Socialism, and are doing everything they can to take the United States in that direction. According to their Website, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) is the largest socialist organization in the United States, with over 90,000 members. They believe that “Capitalism is a system designed by the owning class to exploit the rest of us for their own profit. We must replace it with democratic socialism...”¹⁰⁶

When we think about the worldview and mindset of the roots of socialism’s originator, Karl Marx, this type of statement is exactly what we would expect. Marx was anti-God and anti-Bible while the Bible is anti-socialism and pro-capitalism. Members in the DSA defend socialism by calling it “Democratic Socialism and pointing to the success of socialism in countries like Denmark. However, the economic system in Denmark is not one of Socialism but a mixed economy with a bent towards Capitalism. The Prime Minister of Denmark made this statement regarding those who refer to their economic system as socialism:

“...some people in the U.S. associate the Nordic model with some sort of socialism. Therefore, I would like to make one thing clear. Denmark is far from a socialist planned economy. Denmark is a market economy... with [as] much freedom to pursue your dreams and live your life as you wish.”¹⁰⁷

Socialism has been tried in many nations and every nation in which it has been tried has failed miserably. One young Chinese girl, Xi Van Fleet, was able to survive the atrocities of the Communist system under Mao Zedong. She made an impassioned speech to the Virginia School Board about the similarities between what happened under the Chinese Cultural Revolution and what is happening now in the United States. Her remarks are captivating.

“They use the same ideology, and same methodology, even the same vocabulary. And with the same goal. The ideology is cultural Marxism. And we were divided into groups

¹⁰³ Ibid. 9.

¹⁰⁴ Robert Payne, *Marx: A Biography* (New York, NY. Simon & Schuster, 1968). 315.

¹⁰⁵ David Jeremiah, *Where do we go From Here? How tomorrow’s Prophecies Foreshadow Today’s Problems*; 8.

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.dsasa.org/about-us/what-is-democratic-socialism>

¹⁰⁷ Mark Levin, *What is Socialism Taken to its Logical Extreme?* August 24, 2018.

as the oppressor an oppressed...And the takeout methodology is also very similar. It's cancel culture. We basically canceled the whole Chinese civilization pre-communism."¹⁰⁸

Evangelical Christian Author and Former Pastor of The Moody Bible Church in Chicago, Dr. Erwin Lutzer made the following statement in his book, "We Will Not Be Silenced."

"Today we face what is known as cultural Marxism. It is not being imposed on people on the war battlefields; instead, it's a form of Marxism that wins the hearts and minds of people incrementally by the gradual transformation of the culture. Bombarded with exaggerated and illusionary promises, people accept it because they want to; they welcome it because they are convinced of its "benefits." It promises "hope and change," income equality, racial harmony and justice based on secular values rather than Judeo-Christian morality. It is known for professing inclusion rather than exclusion and promoting sexual freedom rather than what they view as the restrictive sexual ethics of the Bible. It is not stifled by allegedly narrow religious traditions but espouses progressive ideas that are deemed worthy of an enlightened future."¹⁰⁹

When the Pilgrims first came to America in 1620, they tried an experiment in socialism that almost wiped out the entire population at that time. The merchants who funded the expedition gave orders that the Pilgrims were to maintain all things in common, people would work for the common good, and that this would produce happiness, satisfaction and prosperity.¹¹⁰ What an awful mistake that was! While this sounds considerate and pious, it goes against biblical principles and discourages people from working. After all, many would say, "Why should I work when by not working, I'm going to get the same as those who are working?" At the same time, those who are working would say, "Why should I work, when the governor is going to take away my gain and give to those who aren't working?" This has happened in America and is becoming more frequent today as politicians push a socialist agenda.

After the pilgrims got to America and started their socialist farming activities, the first year resulted in a horrible crop failure, with very little production. Many people were hungry, starving, malnourished, and many died. The second year also resulted in a dismal failure for all the crops and many more died from hunger, starvation, and disease, and by the time they got into the end of the second year and entering the third year, half the population had died. By the third year, the governor of the Pilgrims, William Bradford, knew that this socialism system was not working, and changes had to be made. He declared that this socialist system was hereby abandoned from this point on. Every man would be issued a parcel of land to work and take care of his own family, not relying on others. In doing this, governor Bradford was putting biblical principles into action (2 Thess. 3:10).

From that point on everyone, including women were working in the fields, even bringing their children with them. They were diligent, faithful, and determined to work and produce for their

¹⁰⁸ David Jeremiah, *Where do we go From Here? How Tomorrow's Prophecies Foreshadows Today's Problems*. 7.

¹⁰⁹ Erwin Lutzer, *We Will Not Be Silenced: Responding Courageously to Our Culture's Assault on Christianity*. 21.

¹¹⁰ D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe, *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?* 121.

own family. This made them happy, content, and proud because they had a sense of personal satisfaction that comes from good, honest hard work. The following year, they had an overwhelming, bountiful harvest which led to a glorious time for Thanksgiving. It is important to notice here the lesson God had been teaching them about not setting up a socialist economic system but a capitalist one. God had to implement a capitalism system to start America to make the nation rich and prosperous. And He had to make it rich and prosperous for the purposes given in Chapter 2.

There are some Christians who believe that the Bible supports socialism. To support their belief they point to these passages of Scriptures in the book of Acts. After Pentecost and hearing Peters sermons it says the men present, “⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need” (Acts 2:42-45).

The last verse in this passage of Scripture is what many people believe supports socialism. However, there are three main points that must be considered here. (1) This was not a universal command by God but communal sharing as Christians still do today. (2) This was complete voluntary giving and sharing. And (3) There was no government or anyone else taking from some and giving to others as in socialism. Much more can be said on this topic but we believe this is sufficient for you to see the difference between what these Christians were doing and current socialism today.

It is clear that socialism destroys a nation and God did not want the United States destroyed right at the beginning. He had a specific will, plan, and purpose for creating the United States, and He was going to fulfill that plan according to His will. The United States has come a long way since the 1600s and through many ups and downs, God continued to bring this great nation through. Through the centuries God has brought us through Revolutionary War, Civil War, World Wars I and II, Great Depression, Slavery Period, and other difficult times. All done because of His love and mercy and the plan He has for this nation. But our nation has rebelled against God and now our biggest problem today is sin and rebellion against God. The results of this sin are the confusion, chaos, and rebuke we are seeing in our nation today.

CHAPTER 8

Other Examples of Curses, Confusion, and Rebuke

For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there (James 3:16).

In this Chapter we want to bring out some recent, well-known, clear-cut examples of curses, confusion and rebuke involving the 45th President of the United States, Donald Trump. From the Presidential campaign to the inauguration, on throughout his presidency and afterwards, we see a variety of examples of Deuteronomy 28:20. These examples, which have been seen not only by people in the United States but throughout the developed world. They are glaringly obvious to all who are seriously searching to apply the truth of Scriptures to current world events, so we

believe pointing out some of these disparities would help to better understand the point we're trying to make with this book. President Trump is hated and despised by some, admired by some and loved by some. Our position on the man himself is not the issue here but our goal is to bring out documented facts and demonstrate how the United States is currently under the judgment stated in Deuteronomy 28:20.

In 2017 Pew Research Center conducted a study to look at how the print, broadcast, cable and online media covered the first 60 days of each recent U.S. President. Their findings determined that among recent presidents, President's Trump's initial weeks in office had been the most skewed and biased by far. More specifically, Pew found that 62% of the media coverage of Trump was negative, only 20% negative for Obama, 28% for Bush and 28% for Clinton. Not only that, but even when they gave him best grades, those grades were low. For example, for political skills 15% of stories gave him positive coverage; immigration, just 9% of the stories were positive; for his appointments and nominations, just 11%; U.S.-Russia ties, 4%; and health care, 9%.¹¹¹

Keep in mind that this is *before* Trump implemented any of his policies. What this demonstrates is that the media deemed Trump to be a bad person *before* any of his policies as president were put in place. Why is this important? Because this demonstrates that the news media, was determined to paint a bad picture and destroy Trump, not based on the job he would do as President but for other personal reasons. Because of all this negative reporting on President Trump from the beginning, many U.S. citizens developed a negative attitude and even hatred for him. This ill-will towards the president was not based on his policies and actions taken as president but from what was reported and what was heard through media outlets. Former White House Press Secretary, Ari Fleischer stated that "When it came to the mainstream media's coverage of Donald Trump, too often it was marked by deceptive reporting, constantly aimed at undermining Trump's legitimacy and his presidency."¹¹²

As we will illustrate in this chapter, Trump did more to *help* the country than any president in recent history. So the fact that so many hated and put forth so much effort to get rid of someone, regardless of whom that person may be, who is helping the country is indicative that we, as citizens are deceived and confused. Many false allegations were levelled against Trump that were later proven to be false but were never corrected or apologized for. For example, Trump's opponents claimed that he was mentally ill and should be taken out of office. This assertion was a main talking point for several weeks. President Trump responded by taking and acing a cognitive test which demonstrated his superb mental capabilities. At that point, one would think that his critics would honestly admit that they were wrong in asserting his mental deficiencies. Instead, the assertion simply dropped and a new one was added. This time the media spread the story that Trump was unfit for office because he wanted to be a dictator. Again, no evidence, no facts, just plain vacuous besmirchments. One gentleman told me he did not understand how

¹¹¹ Investor's Business Daily, *Do The Media Hate Trump? Yes, And From The Very Start Of His Presidency, New Survey Shows*; 10/03/2017.

¹¹² Ari Fleischer, *Suppression, Deception, Snobbery and Bias*, Harper Collins Publishers, 2022, 55.

anyone could support Trump. I said what do you mean by that? He said, “he wants to be a dictator.” I said, “is that so? Did he say or do anything to indicate that?” The man simply changed the subject. He had no evidence, no inkling at all that Trump wanted to be a dictator. He no doubt only heard this from someone or from the media. This is how effective the news media has been in painting a negative picture of Trump. The media today does not even attempt or pretend to be fair or hide its bias. It’s reporting on Trump or his supporters is blatantly negative across the board. The media used every weapon in its arsenal to defeat him during and after his campaign. Still Trump was not brought down and continued in the job he was elected to do. But why would someone want to bring down a person who is helping the nation? This is another illustration of curses, confusion and rebuke God has brought upon nations in the past, and is obviously doing the same thing today with the United States.

In 2016, Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton to become the 45th President of the United States. Clinton was the favorite to win and the news media showed polls that projected her as the victor. She had her presidential victory speech prepared and her party had all of the celebration fireworks and accoutrements ready to go, but they suffered a shocking, humiliating defeat. This was because the news media had painted the picture that there was no way Trump would win. Furthermore, Clinton and her close associates and campaign team had an emergency ace in the hole – the Russian Collusion Scam.

Hillary Clinton’s campaign hired various cooperatives to put together a collection of false information about Donald Trump in an effort to bring him down and prevent him from becoming president. This information was submitted to the FBI in the infamous Steele dossier. Igor Danchenko, the man who supposedly gathered the information for the Steele dossier was later found to have lied at least five times to investigators according to special counsel, John Durham. The lies were to cover up the fact that he had no sources for the information and in some cases his sources were Clinton’s associates. The New York Post editorial board summarized it this way:

“How’s that for a vicious circle? Clinton officials feed their Russian stooge disinformation, it gets laundered through British spy Christopher Steele, and the FBI uses it as the basis for wiretapping the future president’s team.”¹¹³

While it has been confirmed that there was a conspiracy on behalf of Hillary Clinton, campaign members, and others of the Democratic Party, to this day, no one has been charged or otherwise paid any penalties for concocting this awful scheme. Many people in the country are understandably upset by this outcome but understanding God’s sovereignty, this is but another clear-cut example of remedial judgment by God on the United States.

On January 6th, 2021, there was a protest at the U.S. Capital building in Washington, D.C. The protest got out of hand but there was minimal property damage, and the only person killed

¹¹³ New York Post; Post Editorial Board; *The Real ‘Collusion’ was the Creation of ‘Russia Gate’ out of Absolutely Nothing*; November 4, 2021.

was an unarmed female Trump supporter, named Ashli Babbitt, who was shot by a Capitol Police officer. The media described the events of that day as an “armed insurrection by Trump supporters” instigated by Trump, attacked the Capital in an effort to overturn the 2020 election. The media continued with its narrative, stating that five people, including Babbitt, died in the skirmish. Furthermore, the media reported that Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick was bludgeoned to death with a fire extinguisher wielded by a raging Trump supporter. This story was picked up by various media outlets and spread like wildfire. Trump’s opponents, critics, and many in the Democratic Party likened the event to 9/11, Pearl Harbor, and the Civil War. In doing this, pro-Trump Americans should be excluded from “our democracy” and labeled as domestic extremists” and/or “domestic terrorists” they reported.

Of course all of these assertions were found to be false. During President Trump’s speech that day, he stated clearly that the protesters should, march to the Capitol “peacefully and patriotically.” These were his exact words (which were edited out when presented at the January 6 hearing) and as such doesn’t sound much like someone instigating an insurrection does it? In addition to this, according to Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller, Trump asked whether the District of Columbia’s mayor had requested National Guard troops for January 6. He told Miller to fill the request and do whatever is necessary to protect demonstrators that were executing their constitutionally protected rights. This request was denied of course but the fact that Trump asked for this type of security certainly shows he was not instigating a riot.

Out of five people that died on January 6, none were killed by protesters. The only shot fired was the one by Capital Police Officer Michael Byrd which hit Ashli Babbitt in the neck and killed her. There were no guns recovered from the Capitol that day. Officer Bryan Sicknick was shown to have died, not from being bludgeoned by a fire extinguisher. Instead, he went home, told his family he felt fine but died a day later from natural causes.¹¹⁴

Although five people died at or near the Capital that day or shortly thereafter, none of these were the results of actions taken by the protesters. Glen Greenwald, a liberal commentator, wrote an article entitled “The False and Exaggerated Claims Still Being Spread About the Capitol Riot.” In his article, regarding the other four deaths Greenwald wrote the following:

“But none of the other four deaths were at the hands of the protesters: the only other person killed with deliberate violence was a pro-Trump protester, Ashli Babbitt, unarmed when shot in the neck by a police officer at close range. The other three deaths were all pro-Trump protesters: Kevin Greeson, who died of a heart attack outside the Capitol; Benjamin Philips, 50, “the founder of a pro-Trump website called Trumparoo,” who died of a stroke that day; and Rosanne Boyland, a fanatical Trump supporter whom the *Times* says was inadvertently “killed in a crush of fellow rioters during their attempt to fight through a police line.””¹¹⁵

¹¹⁴ The Washington Post; Peter Hermann and Spencer S. Hsu; *Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, Who Engaged Rioters, Suffered two Strokes and Died of Natural Causes, Officials Say*; April 19, 2021

¹¹⁵ Glenn Greenwald; *The False and Exaggerated Claims Still Being Spread About the Capitol Riot*; Feb. 16, 2021.

In spite of these findings, and after a year-long investigation involving 1000 witnesses and 140,000 documents, members of Congress conducted a hearing that began on June 9, 2022 and is costing the American taxpayers millions of dollars. To make matters worse, there are reports that the FBI was involved in entrapment with the entire Capitol riots story. This was further corroborated when three witnesses to the Babbitt shooting were removed from the FBI's most-wanted list in April 2021 without explanation. None of these men have been identified or charged.¹¹⁶

2016 Election

Whether the 2016 Election was legitimate or not is not our purpose in writing this book, and is not our intention to confirm or deny its authenticity. We do want to point out however that this election caused more confusion, anger, and disruption in the country than any Presidential election in history. This further divided the country, and this division continues on to this very day.

At the conclusion, it was determined by the Electoral College that Joe Biden would be the nation's next president with 279 votes and Donald Trump with 214 votes. But consider the problems this election has and is still having on the nation as a whole. Most US citizens have lost trust in the voting system and media, and the nation is more divided politically and racially than at any time since the Civil War.

In addition to this, the president has been banned from social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube, and several others. This banning and silencing of President Trump was considered to be justified by some as him inciting the January 6, riots on the U.S. Capitol. However, as shown above, this appears to be more of an effort to silence the opposition. When a government silences those that disagree with it, that nation can no longer function as a Constitutional Republic but an authoritarian form of government. When this is done, there are no opposing voices or counter perspectives for the people to consider, meaning that one worldview or opinion dominates and rules. A nation can only go down with such a system. Notice what President Harry Truman said in a message to Congress in 1950.

“Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear. We must, therefore, be on our guard against extremists who urge us to adopt police state measures. Such persons advocate breaking down the guarantees of the Bill of Rights in order to get at the communists. They forget that if the Bill of Rights were to be broken down, all groups, even the most conservative, would be in danger from the arbitrary power of government.”¹¹⁷

¹¹⁶ Tyler Durden; *80 'Suspicious Actors' And 'Material Witnesses' Under Scrutiny By Jan. 6 Defense Attorneys*; May 6, 2022.

¹¹⁷ Harry S. Truman; *Special Message to the Congress on the Internal Security of the United States*; *National Archives*; August 8, 1950

This is precisely where the United States is headed, and is already dangerously close. To keep the proper perspective here, we must be reminded that all of this is a part of the remedial judgment that God is bringing on our nation.

A survey conducted after election day, 2020 by Dr. George Barna and the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University concluded that President Trump received a record number of votes, 97% from conservative Christians in the 2020 election.¹¹⁸ Still, Christians were divided over President Trump's election and role as President of the United States. Many criticized, condemned and besmirched him while he served as U.S. President. Little did they know or recognize that this President did more for Christianity than any President in modern History. Furthermore, not only did he do more for Christianity, but for religious liberty in the United States and around the world (see Figure 8.1).¹¹⁹

TRUMP'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CHRISTIANITY

- Stood up for religious liberty in the United States and around the world.
- Protected the conscience rights of doctors, nurses, teachers, and groups like the Little Sisters of the Poor.
- First president to convene a meeting at the United Nations to end religious persecution.
- Established the White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative.
- Stopped the Johnson Amendment from interfering with pastors' right to speak their minds.
- Reversed the previous administration's policy that prevented the government from providing disaster relief to religious organizations.
- Protected faith-based adoption and foster care providers, ensuring they can continue to serve their communities while following the teachings of their faith.
- Reduced burdensome barriers to ensure Native Americans are free to keep spiritually and culturally significant eagle feathers found on their tribal lands.
- Took action to ensure Federal employees can take paid time off work to observe religious holy days.
- Signed legislation to assist religious and ethnic groups targeted by ISIS for mass murder and genocide in Syria and Iraq.
- Directed American assistance toward persecuted communities, including through faith-based programs.
- Launched the International Religious Freedom Alliance – the first-ever alliance devoted to confronting religious persecution around the world.
- Appointed a Special Envoy to monitor and combat anti-Semitism.

¹¹⁸ Survey: *97% of Conservative Christians Voted for Trump: Intercessors For America; From Christian Headlines* | December 4, 2020

¹¹⁹ <https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/trump-administration-accomplishments>

- Imposed restrictions on certain Chinese officials, internal security units, and companies for their complicity in the persecution of Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang.
- Issued an executive order to protect and promote religious freedom around the world.

Figure 8.1

Several other presidents talked about doing some of these things but never got them implemented. President Trump actually got them implemented and put into action. But not only did President Trump stand up for religious liberty he demonstrated his support for biblical principles by supporting the sanctity of human life. (See Figure 8.2).¹²⁰

TRUMP PROTECTING THE SANCTICY OF HUMAN LIFE

- Cherishing Life and Religious Liberty
- Steadfastly supported the sanctity of every human life and worked tirelessly to prevent government funding of abortion.
- Reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy, ensuring that taxpayer money is not used to fund abortion globally.
- Issued a rule preventing Title X taxpayer funding from subsidizing the abortion industry.
- Supported legislation to end late-term abortions.
- Cut all funding to the United Nations population fund due to the fund's support for coercive abortion and forced sterilization.
- Signed legislation overturning the previous administration's regulation that prohibited states from defunding abortion facilities as part of their family planning programs.
- Fully enforced the requirement that taxpayer dollars do not support abortion coverage in Obamacare exchange plans.
- Stopped the Federal funding of fetal tissue research.
- Worked to protect healthcare entities and individuals' conscience rights – ensuring that no medical professional is forced to participate in an abortion in violation of their beliefs.
- Issued an executive order reinforcing requirement that all hospitals in the United States provide medical treatment or an emergency transfer for infants who are in need of emergency medical care—regardless of prematurity or disability.
- Led a coalition of countries to sign the Geneva Consensus Declaration, declaring that there is no international right to abortion and committing to protecting women's health.
- First president in history to attend the March for Life.

Figure 8.2

¹²⁰ Ibid.

A similar case can be said for positive actions President Trump put in place for blacks and other minorities. It turns out that he did more to help minorities than prior presidents, the Black Caucus in Congress, and practically all other politicians (Figure 8.3).¹²¹

TRUMP'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR BLACKS AND OTHER MINORITIES

- Prioritized support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- Moved the Federal Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Initiative back to the White House.
- Signed into law the FUTURE Act, making permanent \$255 million in annual funding for HBCUs and increasing funding for the Federal Pell Grant program.
- Signed legislation that included more than \$100 million for scholarships, research, and centers of excellence at HBCU land-grant institutions.
- Fully forgave \$322 million in disaster loans to four HBCUs in 2018, so they could fully focus on educating their students.
- Enabled faith-based HBCUs to enjoy equal access to Federal support.

Figure 8.3

Because of the way the news media portrayed Trump, many blacks labeled him as racist and/or white supremacist. When we are searching for the truth and being honest we must admit that the actions taken above by this President on behalf of blacks are certainly not the actions of a racist or white supremacist. This is by no means all he did for blacks, other minorities, and the nation as a whole. There are many other recorded and documented accomplishments and achievements made by President Trump during his term as President.¹²²

Whether you're reading this as one who likes, dislikes or is indifferent towards President Donald Trump is not the question that we're interested in for purposes of this book. We are attempting to demonstrate why the United States is not specifically mentioned in Bible prophecy, so a more appropriate question at this point is why would the people of a nation, denigrate, besmirch and oust a political leader who is doing so much to help the country as a whole? If we're honest, we would have to say that this is not a wise decision by no stretch of the imagination. Since we are admonished to go to the Bible for answer, the only rational answer is that the nation itself is under judgment.

CHAPTER 9

Nations Specifically Mentioned in the Bible

¹²¹ Ibid.

¹²² Ibid.

I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste (Leviticus 26:33).

As mentioned in the introduction, there are several prophecy conferences held in America each year. The presenters are noted top prophecy scholars from around the country and other parts of the world, many of whom have devoted most of their Christian lives studying the Bible. Over the years I was blessed to have read many of their books, studied their work, and taken courses under these theology professors and scholars. This has been a tremendous blessing to me in my Christian walk with the Lord and I am eternally grateful to God.

Through all of this I had a strong desire to learn if the United States was mentioned in Bible prophecy and if so, where. What was prophesied to happen to the United States? I was pleased to learn that most other students of Bible prophecy had the same question in mind as this was the most common question asked at conferences, in courses and other prophecy gatherings. Certainly, the fact that we live in the United States has a lot to do with our interest in the fate of our nation. Also as stated throughout this book, the United States has been the most dominant, wealthy, and influential of all nations in history. Surely such a nation could not be left out of the Bible. I learned that there are several views held by various scholars on this issue. We listed the main views below and provide a response to each of these views.

First, some say that when the Bible talks about Babylon it is talking about the United States. The United States is certainly acting like Babylon today in terms of its sinful, rebellious behavior, but first let's get a little background information on the city of Babylon.

Babylon is the most mentioned city in the Bible next to Jerusalem. It was the capital city of the first world ruler by the name of Nimrod. It is the city where people first began to worship themselves in organized rebellion against God (Tower of Babel – Gen. 11). In 586 BC the King of Babylon by the name of Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the city of Jerusalem. So throughout scripture Babylon is pictured as Satan's capital city, an enemy of God. This city, which is now located in Iraq will be rebuilt in the end times because God said He will destroy it in the last days (Rev. 18:21).

So this city has to be rebuilt and plans are in the works to rebuild it even as I write. Before President Saddam Hussein was killed, he said that as a reincarnation of King Nebuchadnezzar he was going to rebuild the city. However, God obviously did not want this to happen at this time, prevented him from doing so, and had him wiped out in 2006. But this building project is still going on – billions of dollars have been pumped into rebuilding Babylon (from the US, private donations, UNESCO, and others). But Jesus will destroy this city during the 7-year Tribulation for all times. Still for a variety of reasons, this view that the United States is Babylon isn't supported by sufficient evidence.

In Chapters 50–51 Jeremiah clearly describes the geographics of the city of Babylon as being on the Euphrates River. This is the same as the description of Babylon given in the last days in Revelation Chapters 17–18. So we know Jeremiah and John are referring to the same city. While there are a few similarities with Babylon, New York, and the city described in Revelation, there is stronger evidence to the contrary. The heavier evidence indicates that this city described in

Revelation refers to a literal rebuilt city in Iraq on the Euphrates River that Jesus will destroy during the 7-year Tribulation.

The capital of the Antichrist in the last day is called Babylon six times in the book of Revelation. There are at least six places called Babylon in three different countries around the world today, including the Czech Republic, New Zealand, and United States. However, the Scriptural content in the book of Revelation does not indicate anywhere that the term ‘Babylon’ should be taken figuratively or symbolically. Therefore, a literal interpretation is the best interpretation in this situation.

In Revelation 9:14, four fallen angels are held at the Euphrates River waiting for their appointed time to lead a host of demons to destroy one-third of mankind. In Revelation 16:12, the six bowl judgments is poured out and dries up the Euphrates River to prepare the way for the kings of the east. We see that there is heavy action and strong emphasis on events that will be happening at the Euphrates River in the end time. This makes sense if the city of Babylon is rebuilt on the Euphrates, is a religious and political headquarters for the Antichrist, and will be destroyed by Jesus at the Second coming.

Noted what Professor Charles H. Dyer’s stated in his best selling book, *The Rise of Babylon*.

“Throughout history, Babylon has represented the height of rebellion and opposition to God’s plans and purposes, so God allows Babylon to continue during the final days. It is almost as though he ‘calls her out’ for a final duel. But this time, the conflict between God and Babylon ends decisively. The city of Babylon will be destroyed.”¹²³

With this information we can very reasonably rule out the United States as being Babylon in the Bible.

Second, some say that the United States is the unnamed nation in Isaiah 18. Isaiah 18 says the following:

“Woe to the land shadowed with buzzing wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, Which sends ambassadors by sea, Even in vessels of reed on the waters, *saying*, “Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth *of skin*, To a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide.” (Isa. 18:1-2).

This passage refers to a great nation, not specifically identified by name whose people are very entrepreneurial and resourceful. God says “Woe” to these people, issuing a drastic warning. Some prophecy teachers and others identify this unnamed nation as the United States, England or both. Where this view originated from is not clear but in 1856 a distinguished, influential

¹²³ Charles H. Dyer, *The Rise of Babylon: Sign of the End Times*, 1991, 182.

Lutheran Minister by the name of Joseph Augustus Seiss from Frederick County, MD held strongly to this view.¹²⁴

Others such as Televangelist Jack Van Impe also holds this view but the biblical evidence against this view is overwhelming. Most prophecy experts agree that Isaiah Chapter 18 through 20 is a single prophecy dealing with the ancient nations of Cush and Egypt which were united at that time. Ancient Cush included modern day southern Egypt, Sudan, Northern Ethiopia and Somalia. The mention of the land being divided by rivers is a reference to the Nile River that flowed through Cush and Egypt. Prophecy experts agree that in this verse God is warning the Cushites to get in their boats and head back home and not try to form an alliance against Assyrians. Again, the United States doesn't fit this profile.

Third Some believe that the term "Lions of Tarshish" in Ezekiel 38:13 is talking about the United States. This verse is stated as follows:

13 Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'"

The setting for this verse is found in Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39. In these Chapters Russia (Gog and Magog) and its allies (at least 8 Muslim nations) will attack Israel in the end time. Humanly, Israel will not stand a chance, but God intervenes miraculously and destroys Russia and its allies. The destruction of these nations is described in Ezekiel 38:18-22; 39:1-10).

Ezekiel 38:13 is making a very lame protest against Russia and its allies for attacking Israel in this way.

The nations making this protest are referred to as "Sheba, Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish." Some notable prophecy teachers, including Ed Hinson, Jack Van Impe, David Allen Lewis support this view. Sheba and Dedan are easily identifiable as the ancient names for present day Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, and the Gulf States.

There have been at least three locations in history that carried the name of Tarshish so it is more difficult to identify. The first was on the east coast of Africa but we cannot determine the exact location. The second was in England and the third is present-day Spain (*Tartesus*). Ezekiel referred, not to Tarshish but the "merchants of Tarshish and all their young lions." The terms "Young lions" is sometimes used in the Scriptures to refer to energetic rulers so this could be referring to strong military or political leaders. Alternatively, young lions could be referring to the nations that have come out of Tarshish.

If this is the case, the young lions of Tarshish could represent the colonies that came out of Europe, including the United States. And if this is true this is the strongest argument for the United States being mentioned in the Bible. However, this evidence alone is not sufficient to make a valid conclusion on this matter. Prophecy Scholar Mark Hitchcock stated the following:

¹²⁴ Mark Hitchcock, *The Late Great United States*, 22.

“While I *do not* believe that the young lions of Tarshish refer to the United States, I believe that, of all the specific passages in the Bible that *could* refer to the United States, this is by far the best one. If Tarshish in Ezekiel 38 refers to England, then the case becomes much stronger. But this lone reference seems too tenuous to bring me fully on board with this view.”¹²⁵

I concur with Dr. Mark Hitchcock.

Fourth, One of the larger held views on this topic states that the United States is one of the lost 10 tribes of Israel. This is an old idea that is called British-Israelism and can be traced all the way back to the 1700s but it was largely promoted in the 1900s by a man named Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the Worldwide Church of God. This church taught that large numbers of the 10 northern tribes of Israel were captured and enslaved by the Assyrians when Samaria fell in 722 BC. These people are said to have eventually made their way to Northern Europe, the British Isles, and North and South America.

From Joseph two sons, Manasseh became the white race in the United States, and Ephraim became the white race of British people we know today. The rest of the tribes are supposedly scattered among Canada, France, Australia, New Zealand; South Africa, Switzerland and several other western European countries. Armstrong tried to defend this view by looking at the meaning of various Hebrew words and taking passage after passage out of context. But not only is the evidence for this view nonexistent, more important is the evidence against this belief. There is much evidence against this view both biblical and non-biblical.

First of all the Bible itself shows that there was no lost 10 tribes. Even in the New Testament people from the ten tribes were still identifiable. For example, in Luke 2:36, Luke identifies the prophetess Anna as a member of the tribe of Asher. Asher was supposedly one of the 10 lost tribes. How could Luke know Anna’s tribe at the time of Christ’s birth if the identity was lost in Assyrian captivity in 722 BC? Also, in Ezekiel 34:13 and Isaiah 10:20-23 we read that the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who are scattered all over the earth will be regathered to their homeland, Jerusalem in the last days. Furthermore, this regathering began in mass after World War 2 from 70 different countries and the people who returned and are still returning are not the white race from the U.S., and Britain. Third, we read in Revelations 7 that there will be 144,000 male Jews that came from the 12 tribes. The fact that there are 12,000 Jews from each tribe during the end time means that the ten northern tribes must not have been lost.

Biblical scholars and historians have shot this view to pieces. This indicates that all of the 12 tribes are represented and today there are in Israel Jews from every one of those tribes. There were no 10 lost tribes. And the United States and Britain is certainly not Israel. Christian Apologist Norman Geisler correctly stated that the view that the ten northern tribes are lost “is an insult to the omniscience of God. Certainly, He who names and numbers the stars (Isaiah 40:26) and will reconstruct the dispersed particles of our decayed bodies in the resurrection both knows who those lost tribes are and how to regather them.”¹²⁶

¹²⁵ Ibid. 32.

¹²⁶ Ibid. 27.

So most credible Bible scholars and prophecy experts agree that the United States is not specifically mentioned in prophecy. For a list of nations identified in the Bible see Figure 9.1. As mentioned earlier, if the U.S. is still around it will be included when the Bible speaks of “all the nations” but many prophecy experts believe that if it is still around, it will be a 2nd, 3rd or even 4th rate country. The fact that the U.S. has been the greatest economic, financial, and military nation in the world and is not specifically mentioned in Bible prophecy speaks volumes. With the power, wealth and influence that America has had it should not only be mentioned in end time prophecy but should be playing a significant role in end time prophecy. But since it is not mentioned in end time prophecy, it is reasonable to conclude that something must have happened to render it insignificant. When we look at the United States today and compare how it was just 20 years ago, we can see the substantial moral, social, economic, financial, and even military decline. There are several manners in which the U.S. could abruptly fall into a 2nd or 3rd class country. This is discussed in Chapter Ten.

Nations Mentioned in the Bible

1. Israel
2. Jordan (Ammon, Moab, and Edom)
3. Egypt
4. Sudan (Cush)
5. Russia (Rosh)
6. Iran (Persia)
7. Iraq (Babylon)
8. Europe (Reunited Roman Empire)
9. Central Asia (Magog)
10. Syria
11. Greece
12. Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states (Sheba and Dedan)
13. Lybia (Put)
14. Lebanon (Tyre)
15. China (Kings of the East)

Figure 9.1

We also want to add here that while the United States is not specifically mentioned in Bible prophecy, the Bible does make it clear that as we approach the end times, all nations are deceived and in a state of sin. The Apostle John brings this out in the Book of Revelation:

⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who *deceives the whole world*; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Rev. 12:9, italics mine).

This verse is specifically referring to the 7-year Tribulation period. However, we are leading up to this period now so from this verse looking back we can infer that the whole world is currently deceived.

John further goes on to show that all the nations are in a state of sin.

“For *all the nations* have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.” (Rev. 18:1-3, italics mine).

Here we see that all the nations are sinful and have taken part in the Babylonian way of life. This lets us know that even if by some miraculous means, the United States is still around, it will be included in *the whole world* and *all the nations*. This means it would be in a state of sin and deception and will suffer the wrath of God in the 7-year Tribulation.

We would like to make it clear here that the fact that the United States is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, is not the only reason why we believed it would have been severely diminished or destroyed. Most nations are not mentioned in the Bible, including nations in South America, Australia, most of Africa and many others. We are saying however, that out of all the nations in the world, the United States was created and blessed more than any other; in unique and specific ways to meet God divine purposes. As such, if the United States were to play a role in end-time prophecy, whether minor or major role, we would expect God to reveal its outcome (as with the 15 nations mentioned above). There is a strong possibility that the United States could be severely weakened and become absorbed into the European Union as one of its member states; especially considering the historic and cultural ties we have with European nations. Nevertheless, given all of these facts and considerations, the absence of the United States as a nation in end-time events speaks volumes.

CHAPTER 10 Endangered Status of the United States

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! For what good is the day of the Lord to you? It will be darkness, and not light. 19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? (Amos 5:18-20).

The United States is currently in a very dangerous, vulnerable, and from a prophetic perspective, predictable situation because of its sinful rebellion against God. God has given warnings through prophets and remedial judgements for decades (see Chapter 6). Yet we as a nation refuse to repent. God who is all sovereign can move to the third stage of destruction at any time and in a variety of ways, and some of the ways are clearly visible to all who are interested. In this Chapter we set forth several of the ways that the United States can be abruptly brought down without further warnings.

Economic Decline

Our nation is in the worse economic and financial condition it's ever been since its beginning. We have staggering debt and significant budget and trade deficits, and are digging deeper day by day. As of December 31, 2021 the United States has a national debt of \$29 trillion. This does not include liabilities for Social Security (\$22 trillion); Medicare Liability \$34 trillion); and other unfunded liabilities (\$163 trillion). These alone would push total debt to more than 248 trillion.¹²⁷

To get a different perspective of this, a trillion is one million, million (1,000,000,000,000) and it would take one million days to spend it, which is longer than a lifetime. Assume you are not earning any interest on your money and spending 1 million a day. It would take you 1 million days to spend it all (over 2700 years); i.e., before you're broke. If you wanted to spend it in your lifetime you would have to spend at least 20 billion per day and even then, it would take you 50 years to spend it all. This gives you an idea of what we're talking about when we say \$1 trillion. Now consider \$29 or \$163 trillion.

However, the more immediate problem with the United States carrying this amount of debt is the interest required to be paid. The United States estimated interest payment for 2021 was 378 billion dollars. When the country pays interest on the debt it takes money out of the private sector economy, which prevents business growth, expansion, and prosperity. To make it worse, the United States does not have this money to pay this interest, so what does it do? It prints money, making a bad situation worse. When the federal government prints money, the available money in the economy has less purchasing power and this causes inflation. In other words, when the U.S. government prints money, each dollar becomes less valuable, and it takes many more dollars to purchase the same products and services that you purchased before. This weakens the dollar and causes inflation.

In case you're wondering how the United States incurs debt, it does so by issuing U.S. Treasury notes and bonds, savings bonds, state and local government series and other special purpose securities. Whenever you buy one of these securities or bonds from the government, you are making an investment in the government and the government owes you money, including principal and interest. The U.S. government issues these instruments every month and has been for decades without the money to pay the investor. So it ends up printing money which causes greater problems as illustrated above. If it doesn't pay the investors, foreign and domestic, it is defaulting on its debt and the U.S. dollar would collapse. If it keeps printing money to pay the investors, the U.S. dollar will become virtually worthless, with hyperinflation. So any way we look at it, the United States is in an economic and financial situation that will eventually collapse. It cannot get itself out of this situation.

What has prevented this dangerous situation from collapsing is that the U.S. dollar is currently the world reserve currency. This is because other countries have accumulated much of the U.S. dollar, and it is still quite stable and a convenient form of exchange. Today, more than 60% of all foreign currency reserves in the world are in U.S. dollars. When the dollar is the world's reserve

¹²⁷<https://usdebtclock.org/>

currency this means that most international trade is done in U.S. dollars. For example, if France wants to buy oil from Saudi Arabia, it must first change its French francs into U.S. dollars before making the purchase. This keeps demand for the dollar high and the value of the U.S. dollar stays relatively high. But if this demand ceases the value of the dollar will fall overnight.

What happens if the U.S. dollar, for some reason, is no longer the world's reserve currency and there is no longer a high demand for the dollar? There would be a new world reserve currency other than the U.S. dollar. There would be a significant change which would not be good for the United States. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an international organization to which member countries contribute funds and gold to provide a reserve that they can draw on to meet foreign obligations during periods of deficits. This IMF has been pushing for a new world reserve currency for years. This would be devastating for the United States. Also, the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) have been planning to use their own currencies when trading with each other. Furthermore, some of the other biggest economies on earth have been making agreements with each other to move away from using the U.S. dollar in international trade. This shift will have massive implications for the U.S. economy and the value of the dollar would drop immediately and precipitously.

Nuclear Attack

In a recent U.S. military manual entitled "Joint Publication 3-72, Joint Nuclear Operations" says that the world now faces a higher probability of conflicts involving nuclear weapons. It mentions that multiple nuclear weapons systems and policies are being pursued by current and potential adversaries. These facts, it stated are signs that the world is moving away from de-escalation and is instead moving closer to the reality of a nuclear exchange.

The document further stated that the United States led a de-escalation and non-proliferation efforts, "since 2010 no potential adversary has reduced either the role of nuclear weapons in its national security strategy or the number of nuclear weapons it fields."¹²⁸

The document listed certain countries and specific technologies and policies being pursued by these countries:¹²⁹

- In addition to modernizing "legacy" Soviet nuclear systems, Russia is developing and employing new nuclear warheads and launchers. It is also developing three new intercontinental-range nuclear weapon systems; a hypersonic glide vehicle; a nuclear-armed, nuclear-powered ground-launched cruise missile; and a nuclear-armed, nuclear-powered, undersea autonomous torpedo.
- China has developed a new road-mobile, strategic, intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM); a new multi-warhead version of its DF-5 silo-based ICBM; and its most advanced ballistic missile submarine armed with new submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs). It has also announced development of a new nuclear-capable strategic

¹²⁸ Brett Tingley, *Pentagon Warns Of An "Increased Potential" For Nuclear Conflict In Newly Disclosed Manual*; July 7, 2021.

¹²⁹ Ibid.

bomber, giving China a nuclear triad. (It is important to note here, speaking of China, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, Chinese pharmaceutical companies supply more than 90% of American antibiotics as well as ibuprofen, Advil, vitamin C, hydrocortisone, more than 70% of acetaminophen. China also produces 96% of the world's shipping containers and 80% of the cranes that carry cargo from the ship to the dock. This essentially means that China can shut down the U.S. economy as well as cause enormous health problems for millions of Americans with little effort).

- In the past few years, North Korea has dramatically increased its missile flight testing, most recently including the testing of intercontinental-range missiles capable of reaching the US homeland.
- Iran retains the technological capability and much of the capacity necessary to develop a nuclear weapon within one year of a decision to do so. Iran's development of increasingly long-range ballistic missile capabilities, and its aggressive strategy and activities to destabilize neighboring governments, raises questions about its long-term commitment to forgoing nuclear weapons capability.

As we see, the nations specifically mentioned include Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran, all adversaries of the United States. Also, it is worth noting the fact that these nations are building up their nuclear arsenals while the U.S. is reducing its nuclear numbers and falling behind in recruitment and retaining military personnel. All of this increases the potential for nuclear attacks to occur.

Cyber Attack

A cyber-attack occurs in cyberspace when hackers make a willful and deliberate exploitation of a computer system or network. This may be accomplished when a hacker uses a type of code that is designed to execute a command that disrupt the natural sequence of events in the system. As a result of this action, the targeted system ends up with compromised or stolen data that can and does cause significant problems. Cyberspace includes the Internet and other networks and associated infrastructures where information is stored, retrieved, and modified. Cyber-attacks can be launched from anywhere in the world and can cause the following:

- Giant electrical generators to shred themselves
- Trains to derail
- Weapons to malfunction
- Funds to disappear
- Enemy units to walk into ambushes
- High-tension power transmission lines to burn
- Gas pipelines to explode
- Aircraft to crash

A single massive Cyber-attack can also result in the following:

- The Department of Defense classified networks grind to a halt.
- Computer networks at the Pentagon collapse.
- Internet service providers to into meltdown.
- Meltdowns also take place at major financial computer centers in New York, Terabytes of financial data are wiped clean, so no one knows who owns what.
- Computer systems at alternate air traffic control centers go down, so they cannot see what aircraft are aloft
- Infrastructure attacks cause large refinery fires and explosions in various cities.
- Chemical plants malfunction with lethal clouds of chlorine gas spewing into the air.
- Major gas pipelines explode in various suburbs.
- Traffic lights go out all over the country, resulting in thousands of casualties due to collisions.
- Food and medical supplies are depleted at local stores due to the disruption in transportation.
- Blackouts occurs in major cities due to power grid failures.

Cyber attacks are increasing so rapidly, one can hardly keep up. Consider some of the worldwide Cyberattack statistics for 2021:¹³⁰

- Globally, 30,000 websites are hacked daily.
- 64% of companies worldwide have experienced at least one form of a cyber attack.
- There were 20M breached records in March 2021.
- In 2020, ransomware cases grew by 150%.
- Email is responsible for around 94% of all malware.
- Every 39 seconds, there is a new attack somewhere on the web.
- An average of around 24,000 malicious mobile apps are blocked daily on the internet.

These numbers are staggering! Furthermore, these statistics are increasing every day. Not a moment passes that is free of a Cyber-attack.

Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack

On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, Peter Vincent Pry, Executive Director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security hosted a virtual forum addressing EMP and made the following statement:

¹³⁰ Jacquelyn Bulao, *How Many Cyber Attacks Happen Per Day in 2021?*; December 7, 2021.

“That poses a real threat of possibly being able to win a war with a single blow by means of an EMP attack. Moreover, they don’t envision employing an EMP by itself. It would be used in conjunction with cyberattacks and physical sabotage, and non-nuclear EMP.”¹³¹

An (EMP) is a short burst of electromagnetic energy that can be triggered by the detonation of a nuclear weapon at a high altitude over the earth. As a result of this detonation, an electromagnetic field radiates down to the earth, creating electrical currents. These fields will cause significant widespread damage to electrical systems which is really the lifeblood of any modern city or society. At the same time, the electrical systems that are damaged can cause an avalanche of failures throughout the broader infrastructure, including banking systems, energy systems, transportation systems, food production and delivery systems, water systems, emergency services, and, probably what would be more damaging than anything else, cyberspace.

The report goes on to say that China already possesses “super EMPs” and during the summer of 2020 tested a new hypersonic glide vehicle that could deploy the EMP. This would cause a long-lasting blackout that would shut down key infrastructure and cripple the military’s ability to communicate. Obviously, a military that isn’t capable of communicating is close to not having a military at all.

To make matters worse, Plamen Doynov, a professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and chief technology officer at the company EMP Shield, said that even countries without cutting edge military technology can successfully launch an EMP attack. This would include adversaries like North Korea and Palestinian Liberation Army (PLA) for example. Professor Doynov stated:

“Emphasizes suppressing, degrading, disrupting or deceiving enemy electronic equipment throughout the continuum of a conflict while protecting its ability to use the cyber and electromagnetic spectrum. The PLA is likely to use electronic warfare early in a conflict as a signaling mechanism to warn and deter adversary offensive action”¹³²

Oil

The U.S. consumes almost 20 million barrels of oil per day. We use oil for cars, trucks, buses, trains, ships, jets, heating, farm equipment and more. Without oil, transportation shuts down, meaning food, clothing and other products could not be transported. Bulldozers, construction equipment and machinery, tractors and other farm equipment need oil to operate. The U.S. military runs on oil. Without oil our military jeeps, trucks, tanks, planes, ships and submarines won’t run. Indeed, oil is the lifeblood of the United States as well as all other developed nations.

When oil is extracted from the ground it is called crude oil. It is later refined and processed for use in equipment, machinery and vehicles as mentioned above. When economists speak of

¹³¹ Jenna Curren, *Doomsday warning’: Experts state U.S. is vulnerable to electromagnetic pulse attack, causing a nationwide blackout*; November 27, 2021.

¹³² *Ibid.*

energy prices going up they are primarily talking about crude oil as it is the main source of energy worldwide. Most of the crude oil produces gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, and heating oils. Heavier oil products are used to make asphalt and lubricating oils such as petroleum. Crude oil produces many beneficial products that have improved the quality of life for people around the world.

The United States had been the largest producer of oil and the largest consumer. Now it is no longer the largest producer of oil but still the largest consumer. As stated, we consume almost 20 million (19.69) barrels of oil per day, which is more than the entire European Union. This is more than the barrels of oil used by 27 other countries combined. In fact, the United States consumes about 20% of the world's total oil consumption. This is followed by China, which consumes 11.75 million barrels of oil per day, accounting for about 12% of total consumption, and India, which consumes about 4.49 million barrels per day, accounting for about 4.6% of consumption.¹³³

Before the Biden Administration took office the United States had become a top exporter of oil for the first time in 72 years (1949). The oil companies were allowed to drill for oil after getting federal permits and the keystone pipeline was being built. The United States was the largest producer of oil and gas prices were low. After the new Administration took office President Biden immediately issued directives for companies to stop drilling for new oil and gas development on federal land and waters. He further stopped other oil producing activities.

While drilling permits are still being approved by the Biden Administration and drilling on public lands and water is continuing, the damage has been done. The reconstruction of the keystone pipeline has still not continued, drilling has declined, and energy prices are steadily increasing.

Rapture

There are an estimated 333 million people in the United States and some estimates show that as many as 80 percent of people in the U.S. claim Christianity as their religion. However, we've learned that people claim Christianity for a variety of reasons. For example, some claim Christianity as their religion because their parents, friends, relatives, or other associates are Christians. Some claim Christianity as their religion because it is the largest religion. Still others claim Christianity as their religion because the United States is predominately a Christian nation.

None of these reasons make a person a true follower of Jesus Christ. Only those who have been born from above (John 3:3) and are indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God (Rom. 8:9) are true Christians and God knows whom each of us are (John 10:27-28). These are the people whom Jesus will return to take off the earth before the 7-year Tribulation starts. While many Christian denominations do not hold to or teach this doctrine it is biblically supported as shown earlier.

The Christians Jesus will take off the earth are those who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit not those who simply claim to be Christians. So we are reasonably certain that the U.S. population

¹³³ <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/oil-consumption-by-country>

does not include 80 percent Christians. However, for the sake of making a point, let's use a far more conservative figure as to those who are true Christians, say only 10% of people truly belongs to Jesus and will be taken away with Him. This would mean that 33 million Christians will be taken out of the U.S. alone during the Rapture. Of course, observation, reasoning, and logic, tells us that far more than 10% of the U.S. population are true followers of Jesus Christ. But for the sake of argument, imagine 33 million people being taken off the earth at one fell swoop. This means that millions of households won't be around to pay mortgages, rent, car notes, credit card bills, purchase food, clothing utilities, etc.

It also means that many employees and employers won't be reporting to work. Doctors, lawyers, government workers, construction workers, sanitation workers, teachers, policemen, laborers, bus drivers, airline pilots, business owners, etc. This would interrupt the functioning of the U.S. economy and literally destroy it. Furthermore, this would also have a negative financial and economic impact on other nations that are connected to the United States economically and financially.

These are just some of the conditions that are readily seen, which can quickly destroy the United States. However, this is not all by any means. God, who is sovereign can use any of these, all of these, a combination of these, or other methods that are completely different to accomplish His purpose. Another symptom that can bring America down is terrorism. Even though the U.S. military has declined and is declining, it still arguably has the strongest military in the world at this point. However, terrorism is the kind of warfare that a strong military does not necessarily defeat. Furthermore, it is God who determines the outcome of wars, not military might. The U.S. cannot withstand many more attacks like the one which occurred on September 11, 2001.

The economic impact, the psychological impact, the social, emotional, and military impact will severely weaken the nation. So we have great problems in our nation and our governmental officials are quarreling and bickering, and disputing and accomplishing nothing. Many people stop and ask "why"? But when we honestly assess how our nation has not only drifted away from God but deliberately rebelled against God, the question should be "Why not"? We see these type occurrences in a nation when the nation has forgotten God. These are strong indications that God has given our nation over to its sins. When God gives a nation over to its sin, He stops leading and protecting it and gives it all the rope it wants until that nation eventually hangs itself. That nation becomes blind to the truth and cannot see. This is a form of God's judgment on a nation. When you see educated men and women making statements like, "We're going to spend our way out of this recession." Or, proudly stating that, "Most of what we do is not constitutional." Or, "We must pass the bill so that you can see what's in it." Or when you hear things like, "The president has turned things around and we're on the right track," despite the fact that anyone honestly looking at the situation can see just the opposite is happening. When we see statements like these coming from governmental officials who are highly educated men and women, learned people with advanced degrees, we can be sure that they are being deceived.

When we talk about all of these events that could bring America down, and see these conditions are present, we are referring to them as remedial judgments. These are warnings but

these warnings can also be viewed as symptoms. These are symptoms indicating that something else very wrong is taking place in our nation. These symptoms are not the real problems in themselves, but they are symptoms of the real problem. The real underlying problem with America is sin. Our nation has turned its back on God and kicked Him out of every segment of society. The only limited exception is the church. I say limited here because the church as a whole has not done its job as far as preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God blessed this nation by giving us a Constitution based on biblical principles by which we should live. Our founding fathers attempted to follow the Constitution and laws that were written and mostly based on the Bible. As a result, God blessed America to become the wealthiest and most economically stable nation on earth. He gave us political and religious freedom; and God used America to get the gospel of Jesus out to the rest of the world, to provide assistance to other nations during time of disaster, and to support and protect His chosen people, Israel.

But in the latter part of the 19th century and more so in the 20th century the U.S. has not only ignored God but have begun an assault on everything that is Christian. We've taken prayer out of school, we've taken Bible reading out of school, we've taken the mention of Jesus out of schools, we've taken God out of government, and we've taken God out of the marketplace. But we didn't stop there. We've launched continuous attacks on the Christian faith from every angle. We've attacked Christmas and Thanksgiving; we've arrested Christians for passing out biblical tracts in public, we've forbidden Christians from mentioning Jesus in school commencement addresses or military prayer, we've attacked crosses that are erected in public places, and we've generally ostracized Christianity from every segment of society.

We've seen the President of the United States proudly state to the world that we no longer see the United States as a Christian nation. But we didn't stop there. We've taken activities that God said is an abomination before Him and legalized them anyway. We've legalized abortion, we've legalized gay marriage, we've encouraged and promoted homosexuality and transgenderism. We've allowed pervasive pornography, epidemic drug use and alcoholism, raging sexual immorality, and unraveling of the family. Furthermore, there is an overall sense of antichristian bigotry in many of our institutions in America and it is growing. The sin of the nation is not getting better but is getting progressively worse at a rapid pace. Is it any wonder then that God would bring judgment on America as He has on all wicked nations in the past? Ruth Graham, wife of evangelist Billy Graham said over 30 years ago that if God doesn't punish America, He would have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.¹³⁴

We've talked about three steps God uses in dealing with rebellious nations. But we can see from the Scriptures and history a part of the procedures He uses in applying these steps. History is replete with examples of nations that became great nations, have risen to unusual power and influence only to decline and fall as a result of sin. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-persian empire, the Greco-Macedonian empire, Rome, Sodom and Gomorrah, all were great, and all

¹³⁴ Christian Piatt, *Sojourners; Billy Graham: Punish America or Apologize to Sodom & Gomorrah*; July 30, 2012.

were brought down. In the New Testament, we see specific conditions that a nation finds itself in when God has given it over to its sin. We see the phrase repeated, “God gave them over.” When God gives a nation over to its sin, He just gives them all of the rope that they want, allow them to continue sinning, then reap the consequences of their sin, which includes His wrath. From Romans Chapter 1 we see that there are 3 main situations that exist when God has given a nation over to its sin.

In Romans Chapter 1 we see the phrase God “gave them over” or “gave them up” three times, verse 24, 26, and 28. And each time we see sinful activities that the people were engaged in. Many respected commentators see something like a three-step progression when God gives a nation over to its sin. This is not to be confused with the three steps that God uses to destroy a rebellious nation as mentioned earlier. We can look at these as three intermediate steps that God uses in the process of bringing judgment on a nation. First, what frequently happens is there is a sexual revolution that takes place in a nation, rampant sexual immorality. In Romans 1:24 Paul wrote, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves.” When men and women abandon God one of the first things they do is seek all sorts of unbridled sexual gratification. They abandon all sexual restraints, and anything goes. Adultery and fornication become more common and rampant. In America, this began in the 1960s with the 1960s sexual revolution. Feminists, hippies, political movements, were all a part of this era and slogans such as “If it feels good do it”; “Do it till you’re satisfied”; “God is dead.” This was the flower child, love generation. Any and everything goes, and this is what Paul said happens when God gives a nation over to its sin.

The second step that happens when God gives a nation over to its sin is a Homosexual revolution (see Romans 1:26-27). The explosion of homosexuality and lesbianism today is a sure sign of a godless society. And our governmental leaders are promoting it by taking actions like repealing Don’t Ask Don’t Tell legislation and not providing support for the Defense of Marriage Act. Furthermore, homosexuality is allowed to be promoted in the public school system from kindergarten to the college and university levels. It is promoted in textbooks and other sources of learning. Hollywood is pushing a homosexual agenda through weekly TV shows and movies and people are being encouraged to accept this lifestyle as natural and normal, even if they have other convictions about it. When a nation does this Paul said, God gave them over to their sin.

The third step that happens when God gives a nation over to its sin is openly encouraging evil. This is also found in Romans.

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such

things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Rom. 1:28-32).

When we read this passage of Scriptures, we see that not only sexual sins are covered here but a catalog of other sins showing that God has abandoned a nation. All of the sins mentioned here are very prevalent in America today but whenever there's a list of sins, sexual sins are always in the forefront. And sexual sins always get progressively worse if not repented of and corrected. If you think back to the homosexual movement that began to gain ground in the 1960s, we can see the results of the stage that was set. Today, there is not just homosexuality or lesbianism, there is LGBTQ2+ and the letters continue to grow. And when we look at the list that the Apostle Paul stated in Romans we see all kinds of unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice practiced and broadly accepted in our nation today and notice the last part of verse 32. "...not only do they do these things but also approve of those who practice them." Even when we don't personally go along with certain sinful activities, we approve of others who do. How many times do we hear people say, "I don't go along with gay marriage but I am not going to impose my religion on others." It is not only a religious issue but a moral one and morality comes from God. Or you hear. "I don't believe in abortion, but I believe a woman should have the right to do what she wants with her own body." A fetus in the womb is not a part of the woman's body. The fetus in the womb has a separate, distinct, individual DNA from the mother. But many times, we support and encourage wrongdoing even when we know it's wrong.

In April of 2008 Oprah Winfrey had a pregnant transsexual on her highly popular TV program. Thomas Beatie was transformed from a female to a male but was now pregnant. Host Oprah Winfrey celebrated on national television a pregnant transsexual "man". For the most part, people did not challenge the validity of this, nor did anyone condemn it. Many even accepted and applauded it. When hearts are hardened to the extent where they take delight and exploit the sinfulness of others, this is an indication that God has given that nation over to its sin.

So we see then that the United States is not mentioned in Bible prophecy and we see what may be some of the reasons why it is not. But what does all of this mean to us? What can we do? What should we do? Is there any hope for America? These are very good questions and the type of questions that a rational human being would ask at this point.

CHAPTER 11

Is There any Hope for the United States?

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14)

"Is there any hope for America?" When this question is asked and discussions in this area take place, most Christians say of course there is hope for America. They then justify this view by referring to 2 Chronicles 7 which state the following:

¹³ When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, ¹⁴ if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chron. 7:13-14).

As with all Scripture, it is important to put them into their original setting and context. When we do this with the verses above, we see that God is speaking to King Solomon regarding how He would handle the children of Israel when they are under His divine judgment (see Deut. 28). He was informing Moses that if “My people” would humbly come to me in sincere repentance, He would hear their voice and heal their land. We know from the context that “My people” is not referring to the Christian church. We also know that “their land” is not referring to land owned by Christians but the promise land.

When we read verse 15 of Chapter 7 we see God saying, “Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in *this place*.” And of course, we know that “this place” is referring to the temple, a location not occupied by Christians. Furthermore, as Christians we don’t offer prayers for our nation from the temple mount in Jerusalem. So what are we saying here? We are saying that we should not conclude that this passage of Scripture is to be directly applied to the church as do many Christians. We are not to be dogmatic about our application of these Scriptures in this manner.

Do these Scriptures have any application to Christians at all? What about all of the other Old Testament Scriptures that do not specifically address our situation, but we apply to our lives all the time? These are good questions. After we look at this passage of Scripture (and others) and understand the concept, we should look for common situations, principles, and timeless truths, and prayerfully see what parts of the Scripture God would have us apply to our situations. After all, “¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for ^[a]instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). In addition to this, God does not change (Mal. 3:6). So from this and other biblical examples, we know that God will save a nation, if that nation cries out to Him in sincere repentance. Based on this knowledge, we can expect God to save our nation if we repent of our sins and turn from our wicked ways.

God’s Love, Mercy, and Grace

Throughout the Scriptures, we read about God’s love, mercy, and grace. We cannot correctly say that one of these attributes is greater than the others because God is infinite, meaning that all of His attributes are infinite. This means that they have no limits or boundaries. So from God’s Being, none of His attributes can be greater than the others. However, when we ask the question as to whether there is any hope for the United States, we want to first consider God’s love. We know that God is love (1 John 4:8) and does not want anyone to perish but all to be saved (2 Peter. 3:9). This means that God will save any individual who repents and turn from their sinful ways. We also believe that God will save (prevent from destruction) any nation that turns to Him in sincere repentance, as He clearly stated regarding His people Israel.

Jeremiah wrote to the people of Judah during the declining days before the Babylonian captivity. He continued to prophesy to the discouraged people that were scattered around the land of Palestine as a result of the Babylonian captivity and the destruction of Jerusalem. A part of his prophetic message is as follows:

⁸ if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. ⁹ And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it*, ¹⁰ if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it (Jer. 18:8-10).

Through Jeremiah God said “if that nation”...meaning not just Judah but any nation. We can therefore apply this to any nation that fits in this scenario. For example, take the city of Nineveh, which we described in Chapter 5 as being the Capital of Assyria. Of course we are familiar with what happened with the Assyrians but think of Nineveh for the time being. God sent Jonah to Nineveh to warn the people to repent or face an impending judgment. The King put on sack cloth and ashes and called the entire nation to repent before the Lord. The people repented and God relented from destroying them and saved the city.

God will do no less for the United States if it were to turn to Him and repent of its vile, sinful, wicked, ways. God loves a repentant and contrite heart, and this is demonstrated throughout the Bible. At the same time, as also shown throughout the Bible and as we have shown in this book, God will destroy a nation after ignoring warnings and continuing to rebel. The United States as a nation must come to repentance. This means that the leaders of the nation, including the President and Congress must set aside a day of serious, sincere, prayer, fasting, and repentance before the Lord if this great nation is to be saved. The Church, being God’s spiritual Arm on earth should be in the forefront leading the charge on this. If this does not happen, the United States is finished, it’s just a matter of time as we’re right now between Steps two and final step three of God dealing with sinful, rebellious nations.

What Should we be Doing in the Meantime?

With limited exceptions, the church is ignoring the plight of this nation and what it should be doing to help prevent the nation’s downfall. Church leaders with huge microphones must come together, prayerfully set up an action plan to visit the President and Congressional leaders and convey the need for the nation to repent. One great problem for the church is that it has ignored, neglected, and or otherwise considered Bible prophecy irrelevant. As such, Christians are unaware and do not know what to expect as to what God says is going to happen in the future. This means that Christians don’t see the urgency of doing anything more than what has been done for decades. Some Christians say or otherwise indicate that they don’t even believe that Jesus is returning. Ironically, this is one of the signs that we are in the season of the last days, as Peter talked about scoffers during this time.

³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” (2 Peter 3:3-4).

I have always thought that this verse applies to those who are nonbelievers but after carefully reading and thinking about this passage of Scriptures, and hearing what some Christians are saying, I realize I was wrong. These verses apply to Christians as well as non-Christians. Perhaps you’ve heard some Christians say, “We’ve been hearing about Jesus coming for the past 2000 years and haven’t seen him yet.” Or maybe you’ve even said it yourself. Before I came back into the church 38 years ago, I was watching a Pastor on TV who said, “You don’t have to worry, He ain’t coming nowhere soon.” I thought to myself, “well I have a lot of time then. I don’t have anything to worry about.” Fortunately, I did come to Jesus and got back into the church shortly thereafter. But I later wondered, how many people heard and believe this Pastor, and died before establishing a relationship with Jesus. Sadly, this is one of the mindsets that we are told some people will have in the last days. Some of those espousing this view are Christians in name only. Others may be Christians but are ignorant or unfamiliar with the teachings of biblical theology and Bible prophecy.

The United States has been in very troubling times in the past and we’ve had godly leaders who prayed for the nation. During the Civil War, the country was divided and torn apart with the North against the South, whites against blacks, brothers against brothers, and relatives against relatives. President Abraham Lincoln knew that this was an act of judgment on the nation and openly recognized that God was cursing America for its many sins, including slavery. He declared April 30, 1863, as a day of national prayer, fasting and repentance. Consider a part of his address to the nation.

“...And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, *that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.* And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, *may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins,* to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. *But we have forgotten God.* We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, *too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.*

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th. day of April, 1863, *as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer*. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion....”¹³⁵ (Italics mine).

President Lincoln knew that we had an obligation to confess our sins and repent before the Lord; and that the only time a nation is blessed is when that nation “is the Lord’s” (Psalm 33:12). He knew and emphasized that the nation was under God’s punishment (judgment) for its rebellion against Him. He also realized that the only solution for the nation to be preserved was to call a day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. This is what he did, and God brought us through this dark period of American history.

There have been many Presidents, governors and congressman that have called and participated in national periods of prayers. George Washington, the Continental Congress, Thomas Jefferson, Ronald Reagan, etc., all took parts in public prayer. However, as we move closer to the current time we’re living in, these periods of prayer became less frequent, fervent, and heartfelt. For example, as shown earlier, in May 2009, President Obama declined to host services for the National Prayer Day (a day established by federal law) at the White House. On September 26, 2020, President Trump declared a National Day of Prayer, and while the prayers focused on protection, guidance, and thanksgiving, very little if any was done or said on repentance for our sins and evil rebellion against God.

Pray for the Nation

As followers of Jesus Christ there are several actions that we should take. As always, it is important that we make certain we are walking in the spirit and not the flesh. We should not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom. 12:2). This means, among other Christian disciplines, we should develop and maintain a consistent, fervent and sincere prayer life. In doing this, we have an open, on-going line of communication with God through Jesus Christ and greater assurance that our prayers will be in accord with God’s will. Our prayer life should include praying for the President, Congress, and leaders in all three branches of Government. This prayer should include asking God to lead the politicians and governmental officials to call the nation to a day of prayer, repentance and fasting, in an effort to have this nation turn from its wicked, rebellious, anti-biblical ways. This is in the hopes that God will, in His mercy save, what was once the greatest nation on earth.

It is also imperative that we pray for the church in our continuous, ongoing prayers. As we’ve stated, The Church should be leading the charge in calling the President, politicians, and other national leaders to repentance.

Keep Aware of What’s going on in our Nation and the World.

¹³⁵ Abraham Lincoln Online, Speeches & Writings; <http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/fast.htm>

We frequently hear Christians saying that they do not watch the news or keep up with the news because it's just too depressing. This is an awful mistake as not keeping up with the news won't prevent God's judgments from being carried out on the nation. Even though for the most part, the news media has been proven to be deceitful, bias, corrupt, and unreliable (a part of end-time prophecy, see 2 Tim. 3:1-6), we should still keep aware of the news. That is, we should make an assessment of the various news media, determine which is the more reliable, and keep up with that media outlet. Not watching the news will only make us less aware of what's going on and the urgent need for fervent prayer and opportunities to evangelize others. We will also miss out on the excitement of seeing our heavenly Father's Words, i.e., Bible prophecy being fulfilled right before our very eyes and in our own time. Furthermore, Jesus tells us to watch and pray that we will be able to escape all the troubles that are coming on the world (Luke 31:26). So we have a mandate from Jesus Himself. Also, how do we know what to pray about if we aren't keeping aware of what is going on in our nation and even beyond our shores?

Vote and Participate in Politics

In Chapter 4, we've seen several biblical perspectives as to why Christians should vote and participate in politics. But is there any guidance as to how Christians should vote? While the Bible does not specifically address how to vote, there is more than sufficient guidance in the Scriptures to show us to choose leaders. One of the clearest examples found in the Scriptures on how Christians should vote is found in Exodus 18:21. When Moses was in the wilderness with millions of the children of Israel, he had no idea how to govern them. God showed Moses how to elect officials through his father-in-law.

²¹ Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens (Ex. 18:21).

You will notice that there are four qualifications that God said to look for while selecting officials as leaders. The candidate should:

1. Be capable – Competent and have the ability to do the job
2. Fear God – Have enough fear of God to at least keep the moral law
3. Be trustworthy – Have clean records that demonstrated honesty and integrity
4. Hate dishonest gain – Not in it only for the money

These are excellent qualifications that we look for in candidates at all levels of government. Notice that God said appoint them over thousands (federal government), hundreds (state government) fifties and tens (local and city government). When we have numerous candidates to choose from, obviously none of them are going to meet all of these requirements. When this is the case, we should vote for the one that comes closest to meeting these requirements. Also, a general rule is that we should vote principle, not party; morals, not money.

Furthermore, we should consider this when attempting to vote from a biblical perspective. The Bible tells us that righteousness exalts a nation (Prov. 14:34). But what is righteousness? It tells us that all of God's commandments are righteous (Psalms 119:172). When we look at the Ten Commandments, the foundation for all God's commandments, we see that the first four tells

us how to love and worship God. These are frequently referred to as the spiritual portion of the Ten Commandments. The last six Commandments tell us how to love and relate to our fellowman. We refer to these as the moral part of the Ten Commandments. A Christian keeping the spiritual laws of God will by default keep the moral laws of God. A person who is not a Christian will not necessarily keep the spiritual law of God but is expected to keep the moral laws of God because they are written on the hearts of everyone, Christian or not (Rom. 2:14-15).

Since righteousness exalts a nation and all the Commands of God are righteous, we look for a candidate who are keeping God's Commandments. This does not mean that the candidate has to be a Christian. The candidate only needs to be a moral person, who keeps the moral laws. Remember the moral laws are written on everyone's hearts. This means that we should look for candidates who are diligently seeking to keep the moral law that God has written on the hearts of every human being, Christian and non-Christian alike. This means we would need to know something about the candidate's views on moral issues as well as spiritual issues (abortion, homosexuality, role of government, immigration, economics, marriage, drugs, racial issues, law enforcement, etc.). None of the candidates will keep these laws perfectly but when there are two or more candidates, we should vote for the one coming closest to keeping these laws.

Keep in Mind that God is in Control

As we've seen earlier in this book, God is sovereign, meaning He has total, absolute complete control of everything that goes on in this universe, great and small. He created the universe, nations, everything, and everyone that exist. His ultimate goal is to rid the world of all sin and evil, and bring all who will accept the gift of eternal life into a relationship with His Son Jesus that we may live with Him in paradise for all eternity. Because He is using the evil that exists to accomplish this end, He allows it up to a certain point. This makes it seem that what is happening in the world today is out of control. We must remember, however, that it is impossible for anyone or anything to be out of control when we have an omnipotent, omniscience, omnipotent, compassionate God of love who is in control of everything. We must continuously comfort each other with these words.

Once we are constantly mindful of who's in control, we always know where our hope lies. When Christians speak of hope we're not speaking of hope as the world sees hope. In the secular world hope is generally little more than wishful thinking. When Christians speak of hope, we are talking about the desire for something good and the expectation that we will receive that something good. We're talking about "confident expectation" and the firm assurance regarding things that are unclear or unknown to us. For the Christian our hope is Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 1:1) and we are not to put our hope in politicians or elected governmental officials. When we put our hope in human beings we are cursed (Jer. 17:5).

Be Prepared to Answer Questions

Whenever there are crisis, hardships, difficult times, and all sorts of crimes, people are prone to ask many questions. The Bible is the only source given to mankind that has a perspective on everything. As such we should familiarize ourselves with the Scriptures in order to give answers to those that ask. This does not mean that we have to become Bible scholars. However, we

should work to gain a basic knowledge and understanding of what the Scriptures say about future events as well as current Christian living. We should know how to go to the Bible to find answers on various issues and questions. When we do this, we are following the admonition to be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to do so with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).

A time of crisis is a great opportunity to evangelize others. And when taking advantage of this opportunity and explaining to them why and what is going on from a biblical perspective, we are evangelizing others. This is because we always include in our explanations that God has a deep abiding love for them individually; that He wants to have a relationship with them; and that He is working all things out to help them come into eternity with them. At the same time, we can also let them know that this current evil world will be destroyed and put away forever, but they don't have to be a part of the destruction. Come soon Lord Jesus! Hallelujah!

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Some Questions This Book Answers

Why did God create the United States?

Is the United States mentioned in the Bible?

How has the United States rebelled against God?

Is the United States under God's judgment?

Has God given specific warnings to the United States?

What nations are mentioned in the Bible?

What is the future of the United States?

What role does Israel and the Jewish people have in the United States existence?

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