

***THE JUDGMENT ON A NATION THAT IGNORES GOD
DEUTERONOMY 28:15-19***

While the United States remains one of the most blessed lands on the earth, there is no denying that something “extremely saddening” is happening to this precious land. When you look at the financial fabric...you find a country in debt over 12 trillion dollars. Every 20 seconds a baby is aborted. 180 are aborted in an hour. 4,320 are aborted every day. Over 30,000 are aborted every week. 129,000 plus are aborted every month. And there are over 1,576,000 aborted every year.

At least 40 million babies have died from legal abortion since 1973 and the number keeps rising.. Crimes now know no boundaries. Is America under the judgment of God? In the Book of Deuteronomy, God tells the nation of Israel what he will do for them if they choose to obey him. However, God also gives to the people of Israel the serious ramifications of ignoring His holy Word.

In Deut. 28:15-68, God gives a vivid detailed description of what Israel could expect to happen as judgment if they chose to ignore and turn away from the Word of the Lord God. While times may change, God’s Word and truth can never change. People have misused God’s name, abused it, made a mockery of it, yet God in his grace has given opportunity after opportunity to repent. However, God makes it abundantly clear what happens to that nation that decides they don’t want God in their thinking, in their minds, and in their lives. Are we that nation? Could it be that God is bringing His judgment on our land that has chosen to ignore and turn away from Him. The fact is, God’s Word gives detailed actions that will happen to that land that does so!

1. *THE NATION UNDER GOD’S JUDGMENT LOSES THE RESPECT OF OTHER NATIONS (v.16).* At Israel's height, they were revered and esteemed by the nations around them. Other nations were literally terrified of Israel because of the God they served. Yet, through the passing of time as Israel refused to obey God, it came to the point that they were not even a force to be reckoned with because of their rebellion to Almighty God. As a matter of fact, God finally allowed the nation of Israel to be wiped out and scattered to the four corners of the earth.

It was only in May of 1945 when Israel flew their flag again for the first time in over 1500 years. Their rebellion to God was costly.

At present, the USA is loosing the respect of other nations. As for that fact, there is nothing in the Bible that declares that this nation is standing when the Lord Jesus Christ comes back to earth. Either this land could be wiped out, or it is so low on the totem pole that there is not the slightest hint

of a threat. God declared to the nation of Israel, "It will please me to destroy you if you do not obey me."

The God who created Israel, blessed Israel, also dealt seriously with their rebellion and disobedience, and He is an unchanging God. It is a serious affront to refuse God’s claim upon our lives. The One who made us, gave us all that we have, and has blessed us individually and nationally. It is the height of contempt to refuse to allow God His rightful place in our lives. Sadly, we live in a land that has taken God out of school, government, and people are encouraged to be “sensitive to the god’s of others”. But there is God but One God. The Lord God Almighty. And He makes it clear that He owns the rights to our lives, and expects of every person proper worship, praise and adoration.

The sobering truth is that America is paying a high price for ignoring the Lord God and turning away from Him. Young people are dying untimely deaths. The rate of death is increasing at mammoth proportions. One insurance company declared that in the 21st century, if AIDS and HIV continues at its pace, we the United States of America will not have enough men to man a good healthy army. While there are many that are innocent victims of HIV, the fact stands that it still remains incurable. Now those who have HIV are wanting to pass it on to others. We are a sick nation.

2. *THE NATION UNDER GOD’S JUDGMENT WILL RAISE UP CHILDREN WHO ARE REBELLIOUS AND DISOBEDIENT (v.18).* Israel began with godly leadership, leadership that revered God. But as time passed, people rebelled against God, teaching their children rebellion, by rejecting the Word of God. When their children became leaders, it was the norm for them to be rebellious and disobedient.

Today, there are more young people who are involved in sex, homosexuality, Satan worship, than any other time in history. Yet, what is equally appalling is Christians who seemingly have lost the standard of rightness in their hearts and homes. Parents are not discouraging their children to abstain from sex, but just be careful, after all, everyone is doing it.

Adults are afraid of children and the damage that they may do to property, and their person. Our land has known tragedy after tragedy as the wave of school violence has escalated in the past years.

3. *THE NATION UNDER GOD’S JUDGMENT IS A NATION OF CONFUSION (v.20).* We have now reached the era where people are more concerned with the economic state of the country than with the moral integrity. We have reached the point that dollar bills, take precedence over

the sacredness of human life. We spend millions of dollars to plug into early headstart programs, but millions in the taking of innocent lives.

We are truly a confused society. Consider the degree of our confusion. A practicing physician will by day walk into the office to tell an expectant mother how to take care herself until her time has come to give birth to a child. Yet, by night, he inserts a saline solution to abort another mother's child and to receive pay. We make laws to cover the protection of the newly born, but never think to give consideration for the unborn because it is a political touchy issue. God gives a command to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves in the Book of Proverbs. Make no mistake... God will deal with any land that allows babies to be executed, murdered, who have done absolutely nothing but been conceived.

4. THE NATION UNDER GOD'S JUDGMENT SUFFERS FROM EXTENSIVE DISEASES. (vv.21-22,27,60). Scientists now declare, "We have found ways of detecting diseases, but curing them is another story all together". Scientist, researchers, are studying for new vaccines regarding all types of diseases. We have diseases today that we never knew existed 20 years ago. It is said that by through the passing of years, that the USA will not have sufficient manpower to maintain a strong military because of AIDS virus. According to some statistics there are over 30 sexually transmitted diseases that without a cure.

5. THE NATION UNDER GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL DECLINE ECONOMICALLY. To get a slight picture of our economic problem, consider this...the current unfunded part of Medicare A is 36.7 trillion. Medicare B is 37 trillion. Add to that Social Security and the figures go to 106.8 trillion. Add to that 12 trillion national debt, and the bottom line is that we have a 118.8 trillion dollar debt, according to Dr. David Jeremiah. A family of four has a debt load of 383,000 per person.

To get a picture of our indebtedness- 1 million dollars in 1000 bills=4 inches. 1 billion dollars in 1000 bills=300ft. 1 trillion in 1000 bills=63 miles high. Consider these nations that hold our debt and the amount they are owed. China...798.9 bil, Japan...746.5 bil., United Kingdom...230.7 bil., and these are only three. One professor said that the US interest on our national debt is accruing at 41 million an hour or 690,00 a minute, and 11, 500 per second.

The point will come when there simply will be no means to pay...and America will be refused credit from other countries completely.

Yet, it is not government that has got us where we are, it is man's individual rebellion against God. God made a promise to the nation of Israel that He would bless their obedience to him- yet rather than obey- they

disobeyed and suffered the blight of it. Notice God's declaration of a curse in this one verse.

"Foreigners living among you shall become richer and richer while you become poorer and poorer". Deut.28:43 (LB)

6. THE NATION UNDER GOD'S JUDGMENT ESTEEMS WICKED LEADERSHIP. One sign that a nation is under the judgment of God's judgment is by the type of officials she places in office. When the majority of people have high morals, they select a person that reflects their moral integrity. Yet, when a land has turned away from the Lord, they select leadership of their same moral fiber. While the opposite also hold true as well. When there is no consideration for moral integrity in a land and moral decency in a land, then that society places immoral leadership in office.

When a majority of people are depraved, no morals, then God gives them the leader they deserve and desire. The Bible says that a government topples when there is no moral leadership. (**Prov. 28:2**) A nation under God's judgment elect officials who disregard God's Word, morals and ethical integrity and soon finds itself, morally spiritually, and financially bankrupt.

7. THE NATION UNDER GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL LOSE HER LAND TO OTHERS. The sobering picture is this...when a land can no longer pay her bills, someone else will buy her. Though God raised up Israel, through time, God allowed another to have the possession of her land, to teach her the stern lesson of ignoring His voice. God's nature holds true for al time. It is no light thing to ignore the voice of the Lord God...He will allow this land to be taken by another...if we continue to ignore His voice.

Here is the sobering reality of our land...more and more people from other countries are making their way into the USA to buy plants, banks, TV studios, investing industry. Why? Because God's Word will never return void, and the promise of disaster to that land that ignores God will come to be a living reality! It is God Himself that declared, "I will send a people unto you, whose language you do not understand."

8. IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR AMERICA? The fact that Sodom and Gomorrah reaped what they sowed is a vivid reminder and representation that we as a country cannot and will not alter the truths of God's Holy Word. Presently, we are reaping the results of past sins, and the same holds true for the future. We will pay the price. No person or elected official can change that. God's plans and word is set and settled. The hope can only come by: individual repentance before a holy God, installing men of godly integrity in high offices, involving ourselves personally, individual obedience to God's Word, and principles, and teaching.