

# *America, Have We Forgotten? (Part One)*

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**"The weakest and unworthiest of human instrumentalities can sow the seed, Gods Word. The life is not in the sower, but in the seed." (Walter B. Knight)**

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**T**urn to Isaiah chapter 3 in your Bible. I'm going to read a passage or two and probably comment on it as we go through it. I want to talk to you this morning on some things that are very dear to my heart and very sensitive to me.

### **Biblical History vs American History**

I want you to notice with me in Isaiah 3:1, *“For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,”*. The picture here is of a nation against God. God, through the prophet Isaiah is describing unto them the consequences of rejecting Him. He is foretelling what they are about to experience as a nation. Among the things He is going to take away, verse 1, happens to be their supplies, the staff of life, bread, and things of that nature. Then in verse 2 He enlarges on that. He said He will remove from them, *“the mighty man, and the man of war,”*. In other words, there will come a day when their soldiers, those that give them protection will no longer be there to assist them. If you will notice, He said He will take away, *“the judge, and the prophet”*. You have the civil and religious people and *“the prudent”*, the wise people and the *“ancient”*. That happens to be the people that have been around for a long time. The leaders of the country, the people that have experience, that know what should be happening and is not happening. *“The captain of fifty, and the honorable, and the counselor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.”* In place of them, He is going to give inexperienced people, beginning in verse 4. He's going to give children to be the princes, and babes shall rule over them. Let's look at verse 8, where Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord. Why is God going to judge them? Because what they say and what they do is against their God. In Isaiah 3:9, *“The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.”*

Now, watch if you will please, why God is getting ready to judge them. They declare their sin as Sodom, they reward evil unto themselves. Present application: those with perverse lifestyles that God speaks against march down the streets, rewarding evil

unto themselves. A people that oppose the Judeo-Christian heritage this nation was built upon. They gloat in the fact, many of them that they are trying to remove all vestige of spirituality from our society. They get up in long, oratory speeches and talk about how we ought to remove any vestige of spirituality. Isaiah talked about them. They reward evil unto themselves.

Move over with me if you will to the next book of the Bible, Jeremiah, chapter 8. I'm just laying some groundwork, so please stay with me for just a minute. Jeremiah 8:5, "*Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.*" Is that not a picture of America? They refuse to return. Verse 6, "*I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.*" It's very interesting that in verse 7, He says that other parts of His Creation happened to be wiser than humanity, because He says, "*Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.*" Verse 8, "*How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?*" Verse twelve. "*Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.*" One last verse. Turn with me to an earlier book in the Old Testament, Deuteronomy, and notice chapter 8. Deuteronomy 8:7-9, "*For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God, for the good land which he hath given thee.*" Watch verse 11. "*Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast*

*eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.”* May God have mercy on us as a nation!

I call your attention to verse 20. *“As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the face of the LORD your God.”* I hope everybody today is aware there is a movement underway which really sped up during the early part of the 1960’s. Its intent is to purge this country of two hundred years of Christian history. I hope you are aware of the fact that the way it is is not the way it’s always been. Our lack of history today is no excuse for our departure from God. We still have the Bible which teaches us that, *“blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD”*, and that *“righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people”*.

### **The Lesson We Do Not Learn**

God reminded us through Moses in Deuteronomy that before Israel, there were other nations who had not heeded Him, and as a result, at the writing of the book of Deuteronomy, they no longer existed. Someone has wisely said, in history there is a lesson that we learn, and that is we learn nothing from history. Daniel, who through his prophetic vision, was able to see some great world empires, before they ever became a

reality. He was able, beforehand, as the spirit of God led him to talk about the demise of those countries. He talked about that great metallic image, the head of gold, which was Babylon.

The leader of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, one day stood in his palace, looked out over his beautiful buildings, and over all of his property. He said, "Is this not mighty Babylon which I have built?" It was a beautiful place. Some of the great wonders of the world encompassed that place. He married a woman from the mountain country, and she didn't like the flatland. So he went out and built her a mountain. On the side of that mountain, he built what was known as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. He built the hanging gardens of Babylon to please his wife. But in time, he rejected the LORD of glory. When he did so, God put him out to pasture, literally. The Bible said that he ate grass like an oxen that his fingernails, and his toenails became like eagles claws. God put him out to pasture, until he could recognize that there is a LORD God in Heaven. He acknowledged, that in fact, God is God, Jehovah God is Jehovah God.

Because of the eventual wickedness of that one great empire, there came a second nation in his prophetic vision, which was called the Media-Persian Empire. The breast and the two arms represented the Medes and the Persians under Cyrus and Darius. God allowed another nation to conquer mighty Babylon. Then, that nation also ceased to exist. The Medes and the Persians were overflowed by Alexander the Great, the Grecian Empire. Already in history, according to the book of Daniel, we see mighty Babylon is gone, Media-Persia is gone, and now, a young man, who at an early age has conquered the then-known world. However, he could not conquer himself. He sat down and wept, history teaches us, because there were no more shores for him to conquer. Because he could not conquer himself, he too was conquered. The mighty Roman Empire came on the scene. Eventually, it was divided into the eastern and western sections, depicted by the two legs of that huge metallic image. At one time, they had a head at Constantinople, and in another location, because even that empire couldn't agree with itself. That empire became the greatest empire in the world, second to none. It had the greatest military might in the history of the known world. That culture was so great, that we even use today in architecture some of the hand-me-down remnants from that time in history. Much of our judicial system today came from the Roman government. And yet if you

visit that part of the world and go to certain sections of those formally great nations, you can find archaeologists with their spades, picking up the remains of those great, bygone civilizations. You see, all of those civilizations have one thing in common. At the very peak of their greatness, they had no time for God. Oh, it was not that they did not have gods. They had gods. In the great Pantheon, they had different gods representing different nations. When Rome conquered all of the nations around it, in order to make the transition easier for both those conquered, and the mighty Romans, they hewed out little places, little niches in the mighty Pantheon, and brought their gods from all of those conquered nations. They placed those gods in those little niches and all of the people could walk around in that huge, huge building, and find their god, pay homage to him and worship and revere the gods that had been conquered from those other nations. A problem existed, however. Christianity came on the scene. Jesus died and was raised, and there was a new nation that started, a nation of Christians. People with their sins forgiven realized that their final destination was not Rome, neither any other city on earth, but their final destination would eventually be Heaven. They recognized their citizenship was in Heaven, with only one Head, and that Head was in Heaven. They could not burn incense to a Roman leader and a Roman god. Their allegiance must be given to Jesus Christ. The Romans said, "Okay, we'll get along with you. All you've got to do is put a little replica of your Jesus in our mighty Pantheon, with all of these other gods. We'll allow you to burn incense to your God, and to the governor, and to the political leaders of this country, and everything will be fine." The Christians said, "We're sorry, we can't do that! Our allegiance is not to a god of stone; our allegiance is to Jesus Christ. We cannot pay allegiance to a god that does not exist." So they said, "Okay, if you cannot do that, then we will make sport of you." So here's what they did. They said, "We will extinguish the name of Christianity." They said, "Since you will not play fair with us, then we will use you as an example of what happens to people that turn against the mighty Roman Empire." They had their huge coliseums. One of the things that Edward Gibbons said that permeated the fall of the Roman Empire was the brutalization of sports. They would bring the Christians into the arena, and say to them, "All you have to do is burn incense to our gods." The Christians said, "We can't do that," and they said, "Okay, then we will arrest you, and kill you." So in those days of

huge sporting events, they would go through the throwing of the discus, the track meets, and the wrestling matches. Many of those illustrations that Paul gives in his writings to the different churches came out of these games. For instance, he wrote, “We wrestle not against flesh and blood,” he’s using the illustrations out of the games of that day. They go into the coliseum, and fill it to its fullest with overflowed crowds. They had a special place where their governor and leaders sat. They sat in this elevated position, and watched the games in the great Roman coliseums. The main event on the menu was the slaughter of Christians. As a matter of fact, historians tell us that while the discus is being thrown, and the track meet is taking place, the people in the stands would stand up, and say in unison, “Bring on the Christians! Bring on the Christians!” That was the one thing that was the magnet to attract people to come into the great Roman arena. They would bring those Christians out in the arena and stand them before the people. Behind iron barred doors, hungry animals waited to devour the Christians. They intentionally kept food away from the animals so they would devour those Christians. If you’ve read secular history and looked at pictures in secular history, you’ve seen many of those Christians depicted, waiting for the lions to pounce upon them. They raised those big iron bars, and those lions come running out, and grabbed those Christians, and tore them from limb to limb while the blood flowed. While this is taking place, the people in the grandstand in the great Roman coliseum are standing up applauding these hungry animals as they tear the Christians apart. That’s the big event. Nero hated Christianity. Nero hated Jesus Christ, because he saw Him as competition. Let me tell you something. Nero took the Christians in his garden, tied them to posts, set them on fire, and watched them burn. He said, “I will stamp out the name of Christianity, I will stop that movement.” Here we are in 2005, and Nero’s gone, Babylon’s gone, Media-Persia, Cyrus and Darius are gone, Greece and Alexander the Great are gone. Here we are in 2005, and Rome is gone, the mighty Rome as we knew it, as historians taught us about it. They talked about the arena, the Pantheon, their government, their army. They said, “We’re the greatest army in the world,” and it happened to be that they had more foot soldiers than any nation in the history of the world. They had more military might, as it pertained to the ingenuity of that day, than any nation in the world. However, today, they’re digging up their artifacts. If you go over there, you will see the big columns that

at one time held up the mighty Pantheon. You will see a partially standing wall of the big Coliseum from Rome's former glory days, but the rest of the wall is gone. What happened? They said like in the books of Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Deuteronomy, "Hey we don't need God, look what we've done!" And when they said, "We don't need God," God said, "Then I don't need you." And let me tell you today, we need Him much more than He needs us. Our coming to church today is not us doing God a favor, our coming to church today is God doing us a favor. Our being saved today is not us doing God a favor, our being saved today is God doing us a favor. God's blessings on America is not us blessing God, God's blessings on America is God blessing us. It was not men that established this country; it was God that established this country.

### **The Men That Established Our Nation**

If you know anything about history, if you've studied history, and read history, you know this nation was built upon Judeo-Christian ethics. In fact those people that made up our founding fathers numbered about 250 people. They were the people out front that really established this nation. They really moved this nation forward for the cause of God. Out of that 250 people, you'll find about 5 to 10 that did not embrace Jesus Christ as such. You will find a small percentage of those people antagonistic to the beliefs of the other 240 some people that set this nation moving in the right direction. Even that small percentage of people that did not go along with what we call the Judeo-Christian ethic, did not come out and try to banish their belief in God. Those people quoted the Bible religiously, and they believed the Bible to be the Word of God. Although they did not agree with the majority, they acknowledged that there was, in their words, "a Supreme Being". When they made the laws of this land, they made them to a great degree based on what the Bible had to say, not the Koran. The superstructure of America was built upon the Word of God. This nation was not founded on the Muslim religion. This nation was not founded on the Hindu religion. This nation was not founded on humanistic religion. This nation was founded on the precept that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that He is the Savior of the world. That's the theme that started this nation forward, and triumphed in this nation, and moved this nation as no nation has ever been moved. It wasn't the greatness of men, it was the greatness of God that used great men to establish His name, His principles, and His government, in the shores of this nation. In

the formative days of this country, leadership was not embarrassed to talk about Jesus Christ. In the formative days of this country, they said the “Divine Law” as they called it, should set the course of history of this young nation, that law was the Ten Commandments. Where do you think some of the laws pertaining to covetousness and stealing came from? I wish I had time to show you where the Ten Commandments are inscribed in the history of this country. Our founding fathers quoted those Ten Commandments when they decided to make the laws that would govern this country. Our Forefathers quoted those Ten Commandments, and said, “This is the standard that we need by which America must go forward. Isn’t it amazing, that this past week, nine men in black representing what they did, all of a sudden said, in one of our states that you must remove the Ten Commandments? That was not the intent of our founding fathers. What we are trying to remove, our founding fathers endorsed! Do you understand what I’m saying in light of our history versus where we are right now? Do you understand that God says, “If you become like other nations, and you forget Me, I will judge you?” Do you understand that what we are trying to do in our beloved country, Rome tried to do? They said, “This name of Jesus, we don’t want you mentioning it unless you mention it in the confines of all these other gods. If you put Him on the level of these other gods, then we won’t put you in the arena. All you’ve got to do is just acknowledge that He is another Deity.” They said, “Sorry about that, Bud, but there’s only One Deity, and His name is Jesus Christ! We can’t bow down to these gods of stone, and of men, and of government. We will only bow before the God of the universe, and His name is Jesus Christ. Put us in the arena, but we will not deny His high, holy, and eternal name.” But wait a minute, that’s what America is now saying. Keep it within the four walls of the church, but don’t let it get outside of your building. Don’t try to put the Ten Commandments in the school classroom, because in 1980 the Supreme Court of the United States of America said it is now illegal to do so. Why? Here’s what one of the Supreme Court justices said, “If those Ten Commandments are hanging on that schoolroom wall, it might cause some of those students to think about God.” I think its time they started thinking about God! I think its time that our adults started thinking about God. I think its time that our leaders started thinking about God. The day is going

to come in America; if we don't start thinking about God that He will see to it that we get in a position where we will begin to think about Him. I think it started on 9/11.

### **The Ignorance of the Elite**

In 1962, the State of New York said to the school system, "We've got a little prayer we'd like for the students to say in the public classroom." Ten families that had kids in the New York public school system said, "We do not want our kids saying that prayer." So, they sued the school system in *Engel vs. Vitale*, and said, "We want that prayer out." Now I want you to understand something. No one was going to be coerced into saying the prayer. The children were given the opportunity, if they did not want to be a part of the prayer to leave. If they did not want to be a part of the prayer, they did not have to say anything. They did not have to bow their head; they did not have to dress in a certain way. It was totally voluntary. They prayed and asked for God's blessings. They said, "God we want You to bless us 'students', we want you to bless our parents, and bless our school". Lastly, they said, "we want you to bless our nation." One sentence of probably twenty words or less. Ten parents said, "We don't want our kids to say that prayer." They appealed it. It finally went to the Supreme Court of the United States of America in June, 1962. The United States Supreme Court said, "It now becomes illegal for you to pray in the classroom." In that prayer the name of Jesus' wasn't even mentioned. They said, "You can't pray in that classroom." That's amazing! When the schools started in this new republic, the pastors were the teachers, and the textbook was the Bible. For 210 years they had what was called the "New England Primer". Guess how they taught the children their abc's, and how to read and how to memorize sentence structure? They took the letter 'a' and found a Bible verse that started with 'a'. Many of those verses came out of the book of Proverbs. After they learned their abc's, they would attach that verse to it, and they learned the Bible. They learned sentence structure from the Bible, the Word of God in the early days. It worked well! It carved a nation out of the wilderness with the blessings of God upon it, and it gave us a freedom that no nation in the history of earth has ever experienced and has ever enjoyed. But, all of a sudden, in 1962, the United States' Supreme Court said, "You can't pray any longer in your schoolroom." They came back one year later in 1963 and said "You cannot read your Bibles any longer in the public school classroom." They

came back about two years later, and said, “OK, it’s alright for a mother to kill her unborn child.” They came back in 1980, and said, “You must remove those Ten Commandments from the school room wall”. Let me show you how bad it’s getting. Within the last two years, the Congress of the United States passed a legislation that says that partial-birth abortion is illegal. They said when a baby is being born, when its little body is out of its mother’s body, you can no longer take an instrument like a pair of scissors, jab a hole in the back of its neck, insert a suction tube, and while its little body is kicking and breathing and living, suck its brain out. We had enough people that said, “That’s murder, that’s wrong, and God can’t bless that.” Guess what happened? A liberal judge said “That’s unconstitutional.” Wait a minute, a judge is only supposed to make decisions based on the laws already in place by the people. What’s happening to us? The legislative branch is not the only branch now legislating. Legislation should come from our legislators. The judicial branch is saying it doesn’t matter any longer, because now we are legislating. They are now doing something which they have never been given the authority to do. Our Declaration of Independence teaches us that we have some freedoms in our church. It teaches us that Congress shall make no laws against the church. Yet the courts of this country are ruling on laws against the church. How can they rule on laws against the church when those so called laws are not in place? I’m here to tell you today that every major event since 1962 that warrants the judgment of God on this nation has not been made by “we the people”. Every major decision that probably everybody listening to my voice would disagree with has been made by liberal judicial judges. The truth of the matter is, if it Americans could vote, they would vote by majority vote to put prayer back into public school. If allowed to do so, they would vote by majority vote to put the Bible back in the classroom. If it was left up to the people of America, they would vote to hang the Ten Commandments on the wall again. If it was left up to the American people, they would vote to say that abortion is murder. If it was up to the people of America, Massachusetts would no longer recognize same sex marriages. Nineteen states have already gone on record by an average of 70% stating that marriage is between one man and one woman. Let me go on record and state that God does not recognize same sex marriages. Man does, but man has been wrong about a lot of things. Scriptural marriage does not consist of a union between Adam and Bubba. If

the people of this nation had the opportunity to do so, they would scripturally vote and align themselves with God's eternal Word. The problem is we have a bunch of judges, people in positions of authority and leadership who've never come through places like Berean Baptist Church. They've heard Dr. Bottlestopper, and Prof. Highcollar, and Dr. Nocollar stand up in the pulpit and demean this Bible as not trustworthy. They demean that precious, high and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Those liberal clergy have influenced many of our national leaders. They have by passed the Word of God for their shot through worldly, carnal philosophy. They have left this nation in dire straights because they have led us through the murky waters that Rome, Babylon, Media-Persia, and Greece went through. We're going down the same road. Unless there's a revival in this country, unless we have revival in Berean Baptist Church and every other church in this nation, and get back to the Bible and acknowledge the God that made us great, we will cease to be great. We must turn back to God! We're in serious trouble. As we celebrate our independence, only God knows how long we'll be able to continue to celebrate our freedoms unless we have a turn-a-round. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.