

The Handwriting on the Wall

I am writing this on December 14, 2022, the morning after the president of the United States held a party in the White House in celebration of the “Respect for Marriage Act,” which he signed into law. The White House was lit up with the LGBTQ rainbow colors, and inside the politicians were entertained by drag queens.

As I watched this report on Newsmax TV, I was reminded of the drunken party King Belshazzar of Babylon held, which signaled the end of the great Babylonian empire. The Bible describes the party as follows; *“Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand”* Daniel 5:1. This was no small event, with a thousand of his “lords” in attendance, and with all his princes, wives, and concubines present as guests of honor. During the drunken party, Belshazzar commanded that the golden vessels from the Temple of God in Jerusalem be brought to him. These vessels had been sanctified and set apart for the worship of the true God in Jerusalem, but now the wicked king, his princes, and all his wives and concubines drank from them and *“praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone”* Daniel 5:4.

Suddenly, there appeared the fingers of a man's hand writing words on the wall in sight of the king. Just as suddenly the roar of the drunken celebration hushed, and the king's countenance changed. The Bible says *“the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another”* Daniel 5:6. The king called for the astrologers, the soothsayers, and all the wise men of his kingdom, but none could read or understand what was written. Finally, the queen remembered Daniel, *“in whom,”* she said, *“is the spirit of the holy god.”* Daniel was brought before the king and he read the handwriting on the wall as follows.

MENE: *“God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.”*

TEKEL: *“Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.”*

PERES: *“Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”*

God is longsuffering, but His judgement is swift when it comes. That same night, the armies of the Medes and Persians damned up the river Euphrates, came under the wall of the city in the river bed, violently overthrew Babylon, and killed Belshazzar the king.

The “Defense of Marriage Act,” which was passed into law in 1996, defined marriage as between one man and one woman. This new law, “Respect for Marriage Act,” is actually a defense of gay marriage. It was passed out

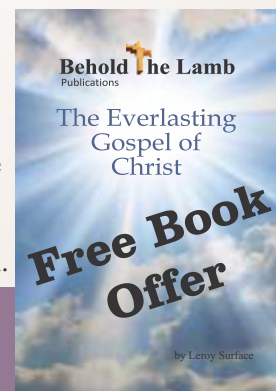
of fear the Supreme Court would overturn its 2015 decision which forced every state to authorize and recognize same-sex marriages. That ruling opened the floodgates for the intrusion of the LGBTQ agenda into every area of American life. The “Respect for Marriage Act” will likewise pave the way for widespread persecution of the church through litigation and governmental intimidation.

The passage of this law spurns the historic and biblical view of marriage and morality. It is astounding that those who *“love God, and keep His commandments”* are now labeled as “haters” and “bigots” in twenty-first century America. The prophet Isaiah in his indictment of Jerusalem, seemed to describe America under this present administration:

“Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey” Isaiah 59:14-15.

Our God is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, and forgiving through our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Peter acknowledges this, saying, *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”* II Peter 3:9. Peter's next words remind us that even God's longsuffering has a limit. He wrote, *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night...”* II Peter 3:10. If there is no repentance, there will be no mercy in that day.

This administration has despised and rejected the word of God, which our parents and grandparents believed and trusted, and they openly mock those who believe upon God's Son, Jesus Christ. Until this administration, every president in my lifetime had godly men to advise them. Billy Graham was an advisor and counselor to every president from Harry Truman to Barack Obama. President Trump surrounded himself with Christian advisors, including Franklin Graham and Robert Jeffries. I do not know of any godly counsel President Joe Biden receives. He has publicly, in action if not in word, renounced every tenant of his “Catholic faith” while he surrounds himself with the basest of people in our society. I do not know when this corrupt administration will be “finished,” but I do know our entire nation is in grave danger. America has been weakened by this administration, to the point we will not stand against the nations of those who hate us. The handwriting is on the wall.



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