

Is America Awake ...or just “woke”?

The great spiritual revival which we call “The Great Awakening” swept through the British American colonies in the 1730s. This spiritual awakening profoundly affected the culture of that period and laid the moral groundwork for the birth of an independent nation. John Adams, our 2nd President, would later write, “Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Our great nation was founded in an “awakened generation.” Almost two hundred and fifty years later, we live in a “woke generation.” We have become everything our founding fathers feared. They had fled from Europe to escape governments such as ours today. They fought for liberty from oppression under King George of England against impossible odds. Yet, with God's help, they prevailed, and established the greatest nation in the history of the world.

Today, less than two hundred and fifty years later, we are in danger of losing it all. Our constitution is being shredded, and there seems to be nothing we can do about it. The continual moral decline in America's culture most definitely dates back to the Supreme Court's decision to take prayer and bible readings out of the public schools. Sixty years later, we have drag queens where God once was. We are a nation that has forgotten God, and we are suffering the consequences.

The wicked are cast into hell when they die. Nations are not “cast into hell;” they are “turned into hell” when they “forget God.” Their culture becomes twisted and perverted. Violence fills the streets of their cities and life becomes a literal “hell on earth.” It is the righteous judgment of God to prepare those who “forget God” for their final destruction.

The Bible gives the record of what happened to ancient Israel when they forsook God who had delivered them from slavery in Egypt and established them as a nation. This biblical account written below reads like a description of 21st century America.

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without

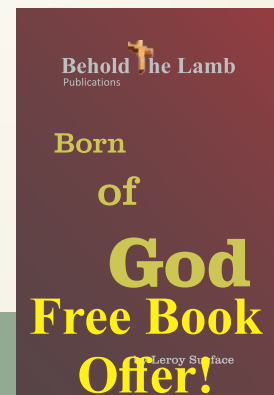
understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Romans 1:28-32

In the Biblical prophecy, Lucifer “fell from heaven” Isaiah 14:12, to be “brought down to hell” Isaiah 14:15. God said, “*They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof...*” Isaiah 14:16-17.

Has America “fallen from heaven” to be “brought down to hell?” We were the nation that saved Europe in WWII, and brought imperial Japan down to unconditional surrender. No nation on earth could destroy America from without, but today we are destroyed from within. Isaiah spoke of Jerusalem, saying, “*How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.*” Isaiah 1:21-23. This is America today.

Only forty years ago Ronald Reagan spoke of America as a “shining city on a hill.” People were proud to be Americans, and patriotism was in vogue. It was as though the citizens were a congregation and Reagan was our pastor. The question arises today with America as with Jerusalem in Isaiah's day; how is the “shining city on a hill” become so tarnished and broken? The answer is simple; our nation has forgotten God and our churches are asleep while our nation is in turmoil.

Today in America is “the worst of times.” Rather than “awake,” we have become a “woke” nation. The scripture says, “*Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God*” I Corinthians 15:34. “Awake” in this verse means “to arouse oneself out of stupor.” For several years America has been in a spiritual “stupor,” and it seems she cannot be awakened. God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah concerning Babylon of his day, saying, “*In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD. I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter...*” Jeremiah 51:39-40. This seems to be the plight of America today.



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