

Resurrection

Our nation is sick. Whether it is a “sickness unto death” depends on one thing. Will we return to the God of our Father's? In the scriptures, Lazarus, who was a dear friend to Jesus, was sick. His sisters sent word to Jesus to come because Lazarus was very sick. Jesus told His disciples, *“This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby”* John 11:4, then waited two days until Lazarus died before beginning the long journey to Bethany. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been wrapped in grave clothes and placed in a tomb for four days. Jesus wept when He came to the tomb, yet He would see the greatest triumph of His ministry when Lazarus came out of the tomb, alive and well. Jesus had told Lazarus' sister, Martha, *“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* John 11:25-26. Martha answered, *“I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.”* This was the faith that raised Lazarus from the dead, and proved for all time that Jesus Christ is *“the resurrection and the life.”* It was never too late to call upon Him. We would think Jesus arrived at the house of His friend Lazarus four days too late, but the reality is, He was just in time.

The America I grew up in during the 1950's is dead. She began to die when the Lord's Prayer, Bible readings, and the Ten Commandments were taken out of the public schools. Sixty years later, it seems as though we are governed by the “spirit of antichrist” as the war against Christianity is increasing in intensity. I, along with millions of others, hope for Donald Trump to be re-elected president in 2024, and I believe he will. To think, however, that this is the ultimate answer for a dead or dying America is a grave error. The chaos in America will only increase as the warfare between the “good” and the “evil” among men continues.

When Jesus arrived at the tomb of Lazarus, He was four days too late. It will soon be “four years too late” for America. The sickness that is destroying America, however, did not begin four years ago; it has been eating at our inward parts for sixty years, since God was taken out of our public schools. When Mary and Martha called for Jesus to come, it was already too late to heal Lazarus. Jesus waited two days before going to Bethany, but Lazarus had been dead four days when Jesus arrived. Lazarus did not need healing; he needed resurrection. When Jesus told the men to roll the stone away from Lazarus' tomb, his sister Martha protested, *“By now he stinketh”* John 11:39. The stench of death fills

our land today, and it seems it is four years too late, but we must remember, Jesus Christ is the resurrection for all who, in the hour of their desperation, call upon Him. Millions have found this to be true, as they have *“passed from death to life”* when they first believed and called upon Jesus for salvation.

The 16th chapter of Leviticus describes the morality of the Amorites who dwelt in the land of Canaan before God gave it to the children of Israel. Adultery, fornication, incest, infanticide, homosexuality, and bestiality were among the things which were common to their land. So great was their abominations that God said, *“The land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants”*

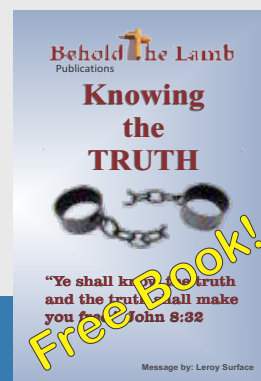
Leviticus 18:25. Four hundred years before, God had promised this land to the descendants of Abraham, but God told him it would be yet four hundred years, because *“the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full”* Genesis 15:16.

In the year 1620 the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock to establish a colony where they would be free to worship God, the Father of Jesus Christ freely. Four hundred years later brought us to 2020, and the present evil in America. Oh people! It must be that America's *“iniquity”* is *“full.”* Consider the word of God to Jerusalem shortly before it was utterly destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar;

“Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger; they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.” Isaiah 1:4-7

Who cannot see America in these fateful words which God spoke to backslidden Jerusalem? There is still time to call upon Jesus Christ, because He is *“resurrection”* and *“life.”* Jerusalem did not call, and their end is described...

“But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.” II Chronicles 36:16



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