

O America, America

"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." Isaiah 1:4

These words of the prophet Isaiah to Israel, shortly before Jerusalem was destroyed by the invading armies of Babylon, are a perfect description of America in this summer of 2024.

Our founding fathers came to America as to a "land of promise." Some believed it was a "new Israel," a place prepared by God for those who believed upon Jesus Christ. They succeeded in establishing a form of government which gave us the greatest nation in the history of the world. We won the civil war and delivered our own nation from the horrible scourge of slavery. We fought two world wars, saved the world from Hitler's Nazis and brought Imperial Japan to unconditional surrender. Those brave young men who won this decisive victory become known as America's greatest generation.

After the end of the war, spiritual revival broke out in America. Men like Oral Roberts, William Branham, and Jack Coe preached under huge tents in revival crusades across the nation. In 1951 Billy Graham filled Rice Stadium in Houston Texas with 100,000 people attending. It was a blessed time for most Americans. I was Pentecostal; my best friend was Church of Christ, and we attended a high school which was about 30% Jewish, and there were no conflicts. This was America until 1963 when the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that it was unconstitutional to have Christian prayer and Bible reading in the schools. Today, we see what has happened in the schools, the cities and the streets of America. God has not done this to us. We are "eating the fruit of our own way" Proverbs 1:31; the result of sixty-one years without the influence of God in our public-school system.

In 1965, led by Ted Kennedy, congress changed our immigration laws and opened the door for Muslims and other non-Christian religions to migrate to America in large numbers. At first they were very moderate and peaceful people. Then came 9/11/2001. Nineteen Muslim extremist with box knives took control of four passenger planes. Two of them flew into the twin towers, one flew into the Pentagon, and the fourth, which crashed in Pennsylvania, was intended to destroy our Capitol building. Some in the Middle-East danced in the streets at the report of what happened that day. Since that day, radical Islamists have swarmed

like locust into America as it has become an idolatrous nation.

God asked ancient Israel, "Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint." Isaiah 1:5
America's "head" in Washington D.C. is a very "sick" man, and his "sickness" has made the "heart" of America faint. In what could be described as "giving God the finger," the President declared Easter Sunday 2024 to be Trans Day of Visibility. Due to the present condition of America's leadership, the entire world is in great danger of the time in which, according to the scriptures, a third of all living will be slain Revelation 9:15.

"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." Isaiah 1:6

Dare I say this scripture would speak of the spiritual sickness of American society? In the past four years America has "fallen off the cliff" into a immoral abyss. We must find our way home, and only God, the Father of Jesus Christ, can bring us back. The only answer for America is repentance, and a return to the God of our fathers, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Otherwise, we will be "stricken more and more."

"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 1:7

It is estimated that between eight to ten million "strangers" have crossed our southern border in the past four years. While it is true that many have come to America seeking jobs and a better life, we have no way of knowing how many have come as terrorist to do us harm. We do know, however, that our cities "burned with fire" in the 2020 election year, and 2024 may prove to be worse. As I write this, over 150 colleges and universities in America are having demonstrations with support for Hamas and hatred for Israel and Jews.

Where is God in the midst of all this confusion? We must understand, God is still in full control. He spoke of this day through the prophet Zechariah, saying, *"And in that day (which speaks of our present day) will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it"* Zechariah 12:3.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

Zechariah 12:9

O America, please take heed!

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