**Has Heaven Indicted America?**

**Part 1 of 4**

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**Proverbs 14:32-35**

**Sunday Morning**

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32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death. 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But what is in the heart of fools is made known. 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people. 35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.

**The Death of America**

Is America finished. We as a nation have turned our back on God. We have kicked Him out of our schools and out of the public arena. We have declared Him to be off-limits.

**Our Rejection of God**

We have given the boot to the very One who made us great and

showered us with blessings. We are in the process of becoming a

thoroughly secular and pagan nation. And in the process, we are

courting the wrath of God.

**Psalm 9:15-17**

15 The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. 16 The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation. Selah 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

1. Since 1973 we have murdered our babies in their mothers’ wombs at the rate of 4,000 per day, totaling nearly 60 million, and their blood cries out for vengeance.

2. We consume more than one-half of all the illegal drugs produced in the world, yet we constitute only 4.4% of the world’s population.

3. We spend $13.3 billion dollars per year on pornography, and 60% of all the Internet porn websites are hosted in our nation.

4. Our total of cohabiting partners has increased from 500,000 in 1960 to over 14 million in 2018.

5. Our divorce rate in 2018 was the fifth highest in the world, at 46%.

6. Forty percent of all our children are born to unmarried women.

7. We lost $119.6 billion in various forms of gambling during 2016.

8. Our number one drug problem is alcohol, producing over 30 million adults who are either alcoholics or who are abusing alcohol.

9. Our nation has become a debt junkie, leading the world in both government debt and personal debt.

10. Blasphemy of God’s name, His Word, and His Son has become commonplace in our media.

11. We are the moral polluter of planet earth through the distribution of our immoral, violent and blasphemous television programs and movies.

12. We have wavered back and forth in our support of Israel, and in the process, we have forced them into the self-destructive appeasement policy of trading land for peace.

**The Consequences of Rebellion**

We have become a nation that calls good evil and evil good And we are paying the price:

**Isaiah 5:20**

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter”

1. Our schools have become arenas of deadly violence.

2. Our prison population is increasing exponentially, from 500,000 in 1980 to over 2.3 million in 2018. We have the highest incarceration rate in the world.

3. Over 1.5 million of our women are reported victims of domestic violence each year, and it is estimated that the majority of cases are never reported.

4. We are currently averaging over 4 million child abuse cases each year, involving 7.2 million children.

5. We experienced more than 1.2 million violent crimes during 2016, with more than 17,000 people murdered.

6. Teen violence has increased exponentially, with youngsters killing each other over tennis shoes.

7. Gangs are terrorizing our cities.

8. Even the nicest of our neighborhoods are no longer safe, requiring us to protect our homes with security systems and weapons.

9. Our money is becoming increasingly worthless.

10. Our economy is being choked to death by a pile of debt that is beyond comprehension.

11. Our major corporations and labor unions are in bondage to greed.

12. Our society has become deeply divided, splintered among competing groups defined by racial, religious and economic factors.

13. Our families are being destroyed by an epidemic of divorce.

14. Our entertainment industry consists of vulgarians amusing barbarians.

15. One of our fastest growing businesses is the pagan practice of tattooing and body piercing.

16. Our universities and media outlets are controlled by radical leftists who hold Capitalism and Christianity in contempt and who scoff at God and His Word.

17. Our federal government has become top-heavy with bureaucrats who are insensitive to taxpayers.

18. Our politicians have become more concerned with power than service.

19. All levels of government have become increasingly oppressive, seeking to regulate every aspect of our lives.

20. Our legal system has been hijacked by activists who desire to impose their will on the people, regardless of what the people desire.

21. Our freedom of speech is being threatened by “hate crime” legislation.

22. Our forms of sports are becoming increasingly violent, reminiscent of the gladiators of ancient Rome.

23. Our society has become star-stuck, more interested in celebrities than people of integrity.

24. Our churches are caught up in an epidemic of apostasy as they set aside the Word of God in an effort to cozy up to the world and gain its approval.

25. We are experiencing one major natural disaster after another in unprecedented volume and ferocity.

26. We have become afflicted with a plague of sexual perversion, producing an army of hard core militant homosexuals.

In summary, we are a people who have become desensitized to

sin, and in the process, we have forgotten how to blush

**Jeremiah 6:15**

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the LORD.

**Cultural Christianity**

According to Gallup polling, as of December 2017, 72% of Americans claimed to be Christians, as compared to 85% in 1990.

Not only has the percentage dropped dramatically, but the evidence of Christianity in the lives of those who claim to be Christians is almost nil.

They purchase lottery tickets, frequent R-rated movies, watch trash shows on TV, purchase pornography, idolize crude and vulgar musicians, frequent abortion clinics and compile a divorce rate that equals non-Christians. They are what might be called “Cultural Christians” — born into a Christian family, raised going to church, but without any personal relationship with Jesus.

Another characteristic of Cultural Christians is that they rarely (if ever) read the Bible. This has resulted in gross biblical ignorance and the un-doing of doctrine.

**Evangelical Christianity**

Saints, ignorance of God’s Word has even become true of Evangelical Christians, the very people whose identity in the past was linked to their reliance on the Bible for their ultimate authority in all things.

Surveys by the Barna Group reveal that among those claiming

to be Evangelicals today:

19% are living with a partner outside of marriage.

37% do not believe the Bible to be totally accurate.

45% do not believe Jesus was sinless.

52% do not believe Satan is real.

57% do not believe Jesus is the only way to eternal life.

57% believe that good works play a part in gaining eternal

life.

As you can see from these survey results, the term, Evangelical,

has lost its meaning.

**Christian Confusion**

It is no wonder we have professing Christians voting for candidates who promote homosexuality, same-sex marriage, abortion, and casino gambling. Or professing Christians who vote out of greed for the candidate who offers to give them the most, regardless of the person’s wretched lifestyle or beliefs about social and moral issues. Or professing Christians who vote on the basis of race or ethnicity, regardless of a candidate’s viewpoints concerning vital moral issues.

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**

9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Public opinion polls concerning the fundamental beliefs of Christianity consistently reveal that the number of true Bible-believing Christians in America today is only 9%! It’s no wonder that during the past 50 years our society has secularized and paganized so rapidly.

We are a nation shaking its fist at God. We are literally crying out for God’s judgment. God has been very patient with us, as He always is. Consider the words of the prophet Nahum:

**Nahum 1:2-5 (Living Bible Translation)**

2 God is jealous over those he loves; that is why he takes vengeance on those who hurt them. He furiously destroys their enemies. 3 He is slow in getting angry, but when aroused, his power is incredible, and he does not easily forgive. He shows his power in the terrors of the cyclone and the raging storms; clouds are billowing dust beneath his feet!

4 At his command the oceans and rivers become dry sand; the lush pastures of Bashan and Carmel fade away; the green forests of Lebanon wilt. 5 In his presence mountains quake and hills melt; the earth crumbles, and its people are destroyed.

**The Steps to Destruction**

The first chapter of Romans reveals how God deals with a rebellious nation. He will step back, lower the hedge of protection and allow evil to flourish. The first result of this action will be the outbreak of a sexual revolution which occurred in this nation in the 1960’s.

**Romans 1:24-25**

24 So God let them go ahead into every sort of sex sin, and do whatever they wanted to-yes, vile and sinful things with each other's bodies. 25 Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. So they prayed to the things God made, but wouldn't obey the blessed God who made these things.

If the nation refuses to repent, God will take a second step back, lower the hedge again, and a plague of homosexuality will be unleashed (Romans 1:26-27). That happened in our nation in the

1980’s, and it accelerated in the 1990’s.

**Romans 1:26-27**

26 That is why God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against God's natural plan for them and indulged in sex sin with each other. 27 And the men, instead of having normal sex relationships with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the penalty they so richly deserved.

If the nation continues in its sin with no sign of repentance, God will step back a third time, lower the hedge again, and the society

will be delivered over to a “depraved mind” that will result in its destruction (Romans 1:28-32).

**Romans 1:28-32**

28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Saints, can there be any doubt that we have reached the third and final stage of national deterioration described in Romans chapter 1? Can anyone seriously argue that we have not been delivered over to a depraved mind?

Some say we can still experience a national spiritual revival, just as we have several times in the past when we grew cold in the Lord. But we have not grown cold in the Lord. Instead, we have rejected the Lord and His Word in outright rebellion.

We have reached the point of no return, which is identified by the biblical prophets as the point where “the wound cannot be healed” (Jeremiah 30:12, Micah 1:9, and Nahum 3:19).

**Jeremiah 30:12-14**

12 "This is what the LORD says: "'Your wound is incurable, your injury beyond healing. 13 There is no one to plead your cause, no remedy for your sore, no healing for you. 14 All your allies have forgotten you; they care nothing for you. I have struck you as an enemy would and punished you as would the cruel, because your guilt is so great and your sins so many.

**Our Prophetic Type**

Only one other nation in history has been as blessed as ours, and

that was ancient Judah. Like us, they rebelled against the God who

had blessed them so richly. And as with us, God sent prophets to

call them to repentance. When they refused, He hammered them

with remedial judgments.

When they persisted in their rebellion, God delivered them from judgment to destruction, allowing the Babylonians to conquer them

and take them away from their homeland into captivity. The fate of Judah prompted two of the saddest verses in the

Bible:

**2 Chronicles 36:15-16**

15 The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; 16 but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people,

**In Closing**

We may experience a temporary revival, as ancient Judah did when the righteous king Josiah succeeded the monster king Manasseh. But when Josiah was killed, the nation plunged right back into spiritual darkness and soon ceased to exist (2 Chronicles 36). Evil had simply become too ingrained in the fabric of the nation.

**Our Destiny**

We signed our nation’s death warrant on June 26, 2015 when we celebrated the Supreme Court’s decision that legalized same-sex marriage. Our President even had the audacity to light up the White

House in the colors of the Sexual Perversion Movement.

Show Rainbow White House>

The extremity of our nation’s spiritual sickness was reflected in three brutal facts that came out of the 2016 presidential election.

After eight years of the most ungodly Administration in our history:

1. President Obama left office with a 60% approval rating.

2. Obama’s designated heir, Hillary Clinton, received three million

more votes than Donald Trump.

3. The future of our nation, the Millennials (ages 18-28), supported

an out-and-out Socialist, and when he failed to get the Democratic nomination, they supported Clinton overwhelmingly.

Saints, but there is another fact about our nation that is even more

revealing about our future — one I mentioned earlier. Public opinion polls show that only 9% of Americans have a biblical world

view. And even more perilous is the fact that only 17% of professing Christians have a biblical worldview.

In short,

***There is a famine of the Word of God in our Nation***

**Amos 8:11**

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

And like ancient Judah, this has sealed our fate. Our collapse will be just as sudden and overwhelming. Why should God treat us any differently? We can be assured that He will not. **Let's Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace." '**