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A BACKSLIDDEN NATION

ISAIAH 1:2-7

The prophecies in the Old Testament spoken by the LORD Himself apply not only to their times, but also to future times. His words are timeless and apply to us today. Let us see what the LORD spoke in Isaiah chapter one.

In Isaiah 1:2 God speaks and says, ***“I have nourished and brought up children (a nation), and they have rebelled against me.”*** Verse 4 says, ***“Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity (a lawless spirit) ... they have forsaken the LORD. They have provoked (Him) unto anger, they are gone backward.”***

This describes America today. Our founding Fathers created this as a nation unto God. For nearly two centuries this nation’s people and leaders acknowledged God. There were clear moral standards that were in line with the Bible.

All of that has radically changed. Evil has overtaken this country. Christians are discriminated against. Conservative fundamental Christians are now on Homeland Security’s list of potential domestic terrorists. We have slain (shed blood) of over 62 million innocent helpless children from the womb.

Homosexuality and transgenderism are now so highly esteemed and valued that anyone who speaks biblical values is censored or worse.

This past month (March 2021) a congressman stood up on the House of Representative’s floor during session and stated for the official record, “God does not belong in this government.” It was said in response to Congressman Steube ‘s quoting a Bible verse.

“Defund the police” is also a move toward lawlessness (iniquity). Lawlessness is a form of rebellion, which scripture equates to witchcraft, and it brings anarchy.

What did God say would be happening to such a country? In Isaiah 1:7 God said, ***“Your country (will be) desolate (and) your cities burned with fire.”*** And yes, prophets have had visions of entire cities, including New York and Chicago, as well as others, on fire and burning.

This is the fate that awaits an unrepentant America. Will America repent? I do not see that happening considering the prevailing “mindset” in this country. If repentance, though unlikely, does come, it will only be in response to extreme catastrophe such as found in Isaiah 1:9.

How will that impact you and me? If the desolation comes “on our watch,” then we look to Psalm 91 as we dwell in the “secret place of intimacy” with our Lord. There will be no safe place outside of Him. He is our refuge, our fortress, and our strong tower.