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NATIONAL SIN – PART 1

God judges unrepented sin. This applies not only to individuals but to entire nations as a whole. If the people and the leaders of the nation repent, God will spare judgement. He did this for the Assyrian capitol of Ninevah when Jonah preached to them.

America has plunged both the society and political system, into deep sin. They are unrepentant. They do not accept the bible as God's Word. They accept and even promote every kind of immorality. Let us look today at just one such example: homosexuality.

The Old Testament refers to homosexuals as sodomites and the sinful practice of it is sodomy. This term comes from the story of Abraham's nephew Lot who resided in the city of Sodom. God sent two angels in the form of men to warn Lot to leave because the city was to be destroyed. The cause for this destruction was the great magnitude of the inhabitants' sin. During the night, as the men lodged with Lot, the men of the city came to Lot's door to demand that he turn the men over to them so that they may "know" (have sex) with them. These men, homosexuals, were both old and young and came from every quarter of Sodom. The city was totally given over to homosexuality. This is the reason why God destroyed Sodom and four other cities that were also given over to this sin and were allies of Sodom (Gomorrhah, Admah, Zeboim, and Zoar). God hated homosexuality so much that he destroyed five entire cities with fire and brimstone.

When God later on gave Moses the "law" covenant, one of the commandments we see in Deut. 23:17 says ***"There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel."*** When Israel became a nation, one of the great sins for which they were often judged was that of allowing homosexuals (sodomites) to live in the land. Evil kings allowed it along with idolatry and child sacrifice. After Solomon's death the land of Israel was divided between Solomon's two sons. Rehoboam became king of the ten northernmost tribes, and it was called Israel. Jeroboam ruled the two southern tribes and it became the kingdom of Judah. The kings of Israel were consistently evil in God's sight. Some of Judah's kings were also evil, but they did have several righteous kings.

I Kings 14:24 says that during Rehoboam's reign over Israel that ***"there were also sodomites in the land, and they did according to all the abominations."*** In verses 25-26 we see an Egyptian invasion as judgement.

Judah had some righteous godly kings who ***"took away the sodomites out of the land."*** (King Asa, I Kings 15:11-12 and King Jehoshaphat, I Kings 22:46.) Also, Josiah did "brake down the houses of the sodomites." (II Kings 23:7)

The New Testament also condemns this sin in Romans 1:24-28. It specifically condemns women with women (lesbianism) and men with men. It says that God ***"gave them up" through***

their lusts...to dishonor their own bodies between themselves; who changed the truth of God into a lie (and turned them over to a reprobate – very wicked, unprincipled mind.”)

Doesn't this sound very much like America today? Doesn't one of our major political parties avidly promote this kind of (LGBTG) thing? Perhaps we are already under judgement.