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## REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK

In Proverbs 22:28 it says, ***“remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.”*** Again, in Deuteronomy 19:14, it says, ***“thou shalt not remove thy neighbor’s landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.”***

The landmark was also a physical boundary stone. It showed where one’s property ended. It wasn’t easy to move it, but it could be moved. God warned his people not to remove this boundary. In Hosea 5:10 it says, ***“The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore, I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.”***

Boundaries establish whose side you are on. In the natural, as with Israel, it showed where their land was. God gave it to them, and no one was to take that boundary away. If they did God’s wrath would be poured out. Have you noticed when any country causes Israel to give up land, that many times destruction comes to the country that worked out that “ungodly” plan? It is very dangerous for anyone to go against what God says by taking away Israel’s land.

Landmarks also mean where we “stand” in situations. The Supreme Court has made many “landmark” decisions that changed our country. These decisions often go contrary to the Word of God and will eventually bring the wrath of God upon our country if the decisions are not reversed. Some of these landmark decisions involved prayer in school, gay marriage, abortion, and more.

The Church has removed the ancient landmark when it winked at sin such as homosexuality and allowed it to come into the Church and even into the pulpit. Our nation has allowed foreign gods to come in and they have been determined to take Christianity out. The landmark has been moved. Only when God’s people say no more and take it back will things change.

Where do you stand on issues? Is your heart making a stand with what God says, or have you gone the way of “removing the landmark?” One day we will all stand before God, and our lives will be like a slideshow. Have we deliberately removed God’s landmarks from our lives? Have we slipped a little and caused it to slowly be removed through negligence and lack of repentance? If God judged Judah for doing this, certainly He would only be just in doing it to us also.