

## ***What's Happening to America?***

What's happening to America? That's quite a question and one often either overlooked with a shrug by some or intensely debated and protested by others. Some seem to think our nation is just fine and even progressing while others see a train wreck in progress!

What happening? Are supposed problems merely perceptions without actual negative events? Or are things actually going awry? Are there any real answers and if so where do we find them? In today's fast paced and often contradictory world where do we go for some genuine truth? Can we even *know* truth at all? Even that is a hotly debated topic. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Reasoning from His statement, if we don't know truth then we can't be free!

We must start with scripture (God's truth) and proceed to the careful examination of our culture and our nation itself. The answer to "What's Happening to America?" is not really complicated. The same thing is happening to America that has happened to nations throughout history who have forgotten God.

No, America is ***not*** in scripture. The United States is ***not*** in prophecy in Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Revelation or any other book of the Bible. However, Peter said by inspiration that God is no respecter of persons. All nations who forget God and His inspired word will eventually suffer the same fate that Israel, Judah and many other nations did in scripture – for the same reason – simply forgetting God.

Hosea made it woefully clear in chapter 4 verse 6,

*So you will stumble by day,  
And the prophet also will stumble with you by night;  
And I will destroy your mother.  
My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.  
Because you have rejected knowledge,  
I also will reject you from being My priest.  
Since you have forgotten the law of your God,  
I also will forget your children.*

Even more specific is God's warning to His people in Deuteronomy 27 and 28. Therein He tells them precisely what blessings will come if they follow Him and precisely what curses will come if they reject Him. To varying degrees we see those very things happening to nation after nation when they turn their backs on God.

So – what is happening to America is fairly easy to predict – it doesn't take a rocket scientist or a prophet to see as nation, we are on the proverbial thin ice. But an outline of the remedy for failing nations is found in Zechariah 1:1-6. The gist is in verse 3, "*Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Return to Me," declares the Lord of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the Lord of hosts.*"

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