

I'm pretty well convinced that the United States and the previous 500 years are significant to prophecy and God's plan for mankind. I guess It's possible that we were just another of the nations, but it's impossible for what has transpired with the migration from Europe to here, and all the enormous events that have transpired on this continent, to not be at least willed by Yahweh. By contrast, I do want to point out that there doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to what's happened in South and Central America. Unless my bias from being an English speaker and American is very strong, the nations to our south do seem just like an expansion of the nations in general with the exception that they are/were predominately Christian. This hemisphere, from Canada to Chile and Argentina, has had the same opportunities and strife. Europeans colonized this side of the planet, bringing the same values, the same atrocities for the locals, and discovered vast fertile lands at the same time, but it's only the USA that ended up becoming the most significant power in the world since Rome. The idea that this is just a random occurrence doesn't seem plausible.

My personal patriotic bias included, our nation has been absolutely blessed by the Almighty. This continent was predominately settled by God-fearing people fleeing the oppression and feudal systems of Europe. We had a very long run of being a Christian nation, albeit one that never fully embraced the commandments. Let's not forget that our way of understanding the truth of scripture began to emerge, through the power of the Holy Spirit, about the 1850s right here in the middle of the United States. It was here that believers started to return to the Sabbath and Leviticus 11. From that foundation grew the movement to keep the Holy Days of Leviticus 23 as well, which restarted in the 1930s right here in the US. Christians keeping Torah was stopped by the Catholic church in the 300s AD and wasn't largely restored until the 1930s in this country. Our movement has a history and it's rooted in this country, where we cherish freedom of religion, speech, and assembly. Since the advent of the internet, our understanding of scripture has resulted in a second wave of Torah keeping Christians across the world, spreading from here. It's not a stretch to compare us to how Yahweh used Rome to spread the Gospel in the days of the Apostles.

Our nation is in a steep decline, and I argue it has a great deal to do with our rejection of God. Traditional Christianity used to be the central foundation of our society. Just 20 years ago, people like us would spend weeks arguing with traditional Sunday Christians about fundamental doctrines. We'd argue about apostolic succession, once saved always saved, the Sabbath in the New Testament, how the Holy Days matter, and on and on. We'd do this with people who already knew the bible and try to convince them that their observance of the faith would be more complete and make more sense if they could overcome their biases and understand it the way we do. Today, these arguments have shrunk dramatically and have been replaced with "do people believe in God at all?"

posts and articles. The present generations, from GenX (mine) down, simply were not raised in any churches at all in large part. We have switched from a Christian based nation to a secular one. And that's a big problem.

While this nation never embraced the Torah, it was a supremely devout nation until we started blending. It was 1870 when Christmas began to be a nationally observed holiday here. Yes, right about the time when people were returning to the commandment, the opposite was happening US Grant made XMAS a national holiday in 1870s as a means of uniting the country after the civil war. As commandment keeping grew here, so did commandment breaking. Today I'm going to talk about the time it takes for these apostasies to happen. It may seem silly to tie today's problems with a 150-year-old proclamation, but it won't by the time we are done.

Switching to the Bible, let's start at the beginning. Adam and Eve had Seth when Adam was 130 years old. This means the fall of mankind happened rather early. The birth of Cain and Able is recorded in Genesis 4, after the fall. Adam and Eve were not parents when the fall happened. Adam lived 800 years after Seth. That's a long time to remember that fateful sin. From Adam to Noah there are between 1000 - 1600 years. Noah was 500 years old when he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Then we arrive at Genesis 6 which says that men were multiplying on the face of the earth. Keep in mind the recording of events doesn't necessarily have to be in chronological order. In fact, I doubt that it is. The people multiplying likely started hundreds of years prior. But at some point in this chronology, Yahweh decided to limit the age of our race to 120 years. It sounds to me like it was due to population control. If people live hundreds of years and have hundreds of kids, well, the planet would get populated pretty quickly. So we have a situation where there are a lot of people in the world.

Sin entered the world before Adam and Eve had kids. That original sin bled over into their kin, where Cain slew Able. Then it's how long before the world got so bad that YHVH decided to destroy it? Somewhere around 1600 years. That's a really long time to strive with mankind.

Noah was 600 years old when the flood came. Did you realize that YHVH decided to destroy the earth and have Noah build the ark perhaps 50 or 60 years before it happened? Depending on how not-chronological the verses are, it could be much longer than that. Considering Yahweh's population control measure, contemplate how many people had yet to be born that were already condemned? The flood is the greatest tribulation to have happened to earth in its history. The greatest tribulation is yet to come.

Slide 2 Hear the word of YHVH, you rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah. "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?" says YHVH. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you this trampling of My courts? Bring your worthless offerings no longer, incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts, they have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them. So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; Seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together," Says YHVH, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool. If you consent and obey, you will eat the best of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." Truly, the mouth of YHVH has spoken. (Isa 1:10-20)

Yahweh was already quite upset with Israel when Isaiah started preaching in 739 BC. This is another fundamental I want to point out. Israel had to get evil before they needed to repent. Isaiah is sent because they need to change their ways wholesale. The falling away too time. 20 years after Isaiah came on the scene, the 10 tribes were lost to Assyria. Judah was lost in parts, starting in 605 BC and the temple came down in 585 BC. Do you see the amount of time before the total destruction came? Isaiah is telling them here in the first chapter that if they repent, then the destruction can be avoided. And they had a long time to repent.

From Solomon to the Babylon captivity was about 330 years. The 70 year captivity was also so the land could get it's rest years back. Israel had not kept the 7 year sabbaths for so long that it owed Yahweh 70 years of rest. And the land got that rest. But it took from Solomon allowing the idolatry into the land until the conquering roughly 330 years of falling away.

Break and go to Jeremiah 8:4 to the end. It sounds like now.

Slide 3 "At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it; if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will think better of the good with which I had promised to bless it. So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, 'Thus says YHVH,

"Behold, I am fashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds. But they will say, 'It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'" (Jer 18:7-12)

The opportunity to repent was still present in Jeremiah's day approximately 635 BC. Nearly 100 years from Isaiah. Jeremiah lived through the destruction and survived with some officials who still didn't repent. This is a lesson for us in the end of days. While our society is quite literally falling apart, many people don't know the Bible at all anymore, and things are going bad, there will be people who simply refuse to repent and turn to Yahweh. And some of those people will make it through tribulation. Probably not the Great Tribulation, but this theme of stubbornness is something to pay attention to.

Slide 4 Those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of YHVH by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete. (2Ch 36:20-21)

Is it me or does this mean that Israel sinned by not keeping the land sabbaths for 490 years? During this time, they had ample time and opportunity to repent as things got worse and worse. But they didn't and a full smiting had to occur. A remnant was preserved through the desolations. Once they returned and had the Torah read aloud, they realized why it had happened and repented. Big time. And then took measures to try and keep it from happening again. Unfortunately, it did happen one more time with the Greek invasion and the Maccabean revolt, but that was a short falling away where a remnant took action and saved the nation.

Slide 5 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains." (Mat 24:15-16)

The NT marks a shift. The nation was occupied and ruled by Rome in the first century, but the people were not having it. They were not largely abandoning the Torah and becoming Romans. Even the Jews who did have Roman citizenship remained Jews, most famously Paul and Josephus. The Daniel prophecy was about the 70 weeks, which probably not coincidentally, is 490 years. But this desolation was prophesied and tied to the Messiah. This desolation was engineered to get the believers who accepted Yeshua as the Messiah to leave the promised land and survive. It was not about repenting and perfecting Judea, but rather the the believers were supposed to leave, scatter,

spread, and escape. I think this might be the confusion about the end times. There will be nowhere to run in the final cycle. This is where the battle shifted back to the whole world, like in Genesis.

And in the spirit of non-chronological teaching, this is where we plug in where I started today. Our nation has existed for 247 years if we start from the Declaration. But this continent began to be Christian 531 years ago, when Columbus sailed the ocean blue. If we believe America to be ordained by Yahweh as a type of Israel – NOT literal Israel, we also have to accept that we are also on a timer and our time is pretty much up.

Slide 6 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be." (Mat 24:36-39)

Most of Christianity looks for the Great Tribulation to arrive suddenly, like something out of the blue. The Messiah actually says both things: that it will come suddenly, and it takes time and one can prepare. These are not contradicting statements or ideas. We established earlier how much time led up to the Days of Noah. Noah knew the earth was going to be destroyed for a long time and he prepared his household by building the ark. That's a metaphor for believers today. We who are already Abraham's children through the blood of Yeshua need to prepare spiritually and literally by remaining in the faith. We also need to warn others. Because it's the other who will be surprised. Those of Noah's day who were evil constantly and had abandoned Yahweh thought the world would continue unabated. This is the story today as well. Our nation no longer fears God and believes we can fix everything through the thoughts of men and our own works apart from righteousness. That is simply not going to happen and many will be surprised when they realize too late was something in the past.

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This was just 30 years ago almost exactly. Look how faithful those people are. Look how united that church is. Look at how they were not just unashamed of the Gospel, they oozed it. And a president we learned later was not quite as moral as we would have liked was also very comfortable in such a setting. 30 years ago nobody was getting elected to president in this country without being a churchman. Today, Christianity is largely information nobody cares about. It's like any Christian is from Mars. Actually, it's worse. We're avoided like the plague. We're starting to see the Days of Noah.

YHVH is eternal so He knows how things are going to play out. How many people did He know were going to die in the flood? How many people did He know were going to repent and be preserved? How many people did He bring through tribulation knowing they were still not going to repent? We don't know these things. Many of these things are unknowable because if we knew how to be a student, we would just do the minimum to be saved and then go about our lives. But it doesn't work like that. Each person's relationship with Yahweh and Yeshua is unique because each of us is unique. And we strive for the goal of living like Yeshua, even though we know we can't achieve it.

The world is protesting against Israel. The presidents of MIT, Harvard, and Penn all are having to be forcibly removed because of their anti-Jewish campuses and their own inaction with those at their campuses calling for the genocide of Israel. These people are publicly comfortable hating Jews not only in public, but couldn't renounce it when they testified to Congress. These people are protesting in favor of Hamas, in favor of brutality. The crimes those animals committed can't be spoken of. They are from the mind of Satan. They are attacking the God of Abraham. They are attacking our God. And he's not going to put up with that forever. Sometimes he lets things play out.

Yahweh has made it clear that he desires repentance not vengeance. In each of the scenarios we've talked about today, there have been opportunities for an off ramp. People could have repented in the Days of Noah, the Days of Isaiah, the Days of Jeremiah. People could have accepted the Messiah in the first century and known to leave Judea. People can repent today. However, there is always a point where Yahweh decides. When He has finally had enough, He makes a decision and sticks with it. The scary part about that is it is shown throughout history that He often makes these decisions long before He executes His judgment. So, the moral of today's message is: repent while you still can. In this last cycle, we may lose our lives, let's not lose our eternal lives.

Slide 8 "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy. Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done." (Rev 22:11-12)