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GOD Judges & Restores Nations: Lessons from Scripture 1

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What took place in Kansas this week reveals dramatic changes in the beliefs of most citizens since government authorization of abortion 50 years ago. The fact that nearly 2 out of 3 citizens chose to approve murdering unborn children is stunning!

In generations past, most people believed in the reality of individual, community and national accountability to GOD, and that He would bless them for walking in His paths of righteousness and justice, but correct and judge them for idolatry, immorality, wickedness and injustice. They based their beliefs firmly upon GOD's commands *and* promises, the history of people and nations recorded in the Bible, and their own study of history and lifetime experiences. It appears to me that those beliefs are held only by a minority of Christians today, and that the way we view GOD is being dramatically reshaped by culture, media, movies, and fear, and not by GOD's own revelation of Himself and the Truth in the Bible. The fact that immorality, adultery, and abortion are widely accepted; that 70 percent of women who go to Planned Parenthood to get an abortion are church-affiliated (but many not afterwards); that one in four women (and men) in church are post-abortive; and that there are not solemn assemblies of repentance taking place all over our nation after *Roe v. Wade* was overruled, reveal that we really don't fear GOD or believe He will hold us accountable. Therefore, we need to recover an accurate understanding of who GOD is and how He relates to individuals and nations. This is the first in a series about GOD judging and restoring nations.

I've been reading the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and the parallels with today are stunning! These same prophets are quoted extensively in the book of Revelation, which foretells what will occur during the end times. The following observations are mostly from Ezekiel (which is quoted in 18 of 22 chapters in Revelation):

- GOD revealed Himself, His glory, His mercy, and His rulership over peoples and nations;
- GOD spoke through many prophets "again and again" to warn people to repent, warn of forthcoming judgment, and then fulfilled those prophetic words exactly as spoken;
- The primary sins were pride, arrogance, selfishness, contempt for authority, rebellion, being like the world, idolatry, immorality, and child sacrifice – all prevalent sins today;
- GOD compared those who were idolatrous, immoral & sacrificing children ("abominations"), yet going to His temple without repentance, to prostitutes (Ezekiel 23:36-29);
- Only a few believed and heeded "the word of the LORD" through the prophets;
- GOD spoke warnings and judgments first to His own people: Israel, Judah, and Jerusalem;

- GOD also spoke warnings and judgments to foreign peoples, cities and nations: Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia, Tyre, Sidon, Egypt, Gog, Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;
- To some nations, GOD only speak once, but to others multiple times, likely because He knew there were at least some in the latter who would humble themselves and turn to Him;
- GOD spoke to Egypt 7 times through Ezekiel, revealing His great love and desire to restore this nation that had been so cruel to His own people generations earlier;
- GOD holds individual leaders and citizens, and entire cities and nations accountable;
- GOD raises up watchmen to warn people of judgment that they may turn to Him and live;
- GOD promised to bring His people back to the land that He gave to their forefathers, and to restore the nation on the promised land (which He did, and which is Israel today);
- GOD's ultimate purpose in judgment is to restore people, at least a remnant, from His own chosen people and from all nations to Himself;
- GOD's greatest desire in His righteous judgments is that people will "know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 6:7, 10, 13, 14; 7:4, 27; 11:10, 12; 12:15-16, 20; 13:9, 14, 21, 23; 14:8; 15:7; 16:62; 17:24; 20:12, 20, 26, 38, 42, 44; 22:16; 23:49; 24:24, 27; 25:5, 7; 11, 11, 17; 26:6; 28:22-24, 26; 29:6, 9, 16, 21; 30:8, 19, 25-26; 32:15; 33:29; 34:27; 35:4, 9, 15; 36:11, 23, 38; 37:6, 13, 28; 38:23; 39:6-7, 22, 28).
- The final chapters of Ezekiel foretell of GOD restoring His temple and His people to His original purpose to be a holy and glorious people unto Him, as if they had never sinned.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable people from the USA and every nation to know the LORD, restore a right understanding of the nature of GOD, His zeal for righteousness and justice, His purpose in judgment and our accountability to Him. Keep praying that the Holy Spirit will do His vital and gracious work, first in the Church and Israel, to "convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:8). If He does and we do, there will be restoration.

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