

PARALLELS BETWEEN ANCIENT ISRAEL AND AMERICA



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In the book of Judges, we find an account of the children of Israel after the death of Joshua. “Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the Children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, who shall go up for us against the **Canaanites** first, to fight against them?” (Judges 1:1).

The children of Israel was to maintain a high spiritual standard laid down by God to Moses and Joshua. They not **only failed** to conquer the land of Canaan, as God had challenged them to do, but they also descended into idolatry and sinful practices of the Canaanites moral degeneration.

God availed Himself to teach Israel through this period of time, “That His rest” was fully available and provided for by Himself, but must be entered into by an obedient people “Then the angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, And said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your

fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My Covenant with you. And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this Land; you shall tear down their altars.' but you have not obeyed My voice. **Why have you done this?**” ( Judges 2 - 1-2).

This book of Judges records the history of the nation of Israel for 305 years after the death of Joshua. It was during this time Israel declined, back slid, and got away from God. Reading this section of Judges we will see many parallels between ancient Israel failure and Americas failure.

The house of Israel was established by God Himself, and God gave Himself to them. He also gave them the law, the 10 commandments and the covenant. He gave them Canaan, the best land of the earth at that time. Adding that up we find God the Father gave them the Lord, the law, and the land.

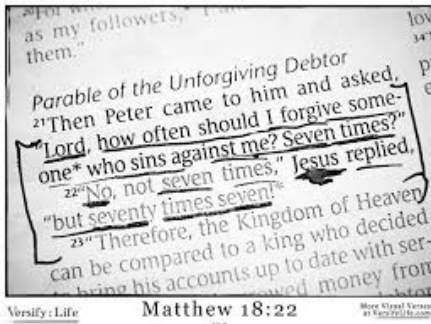
God only asked them for

three thing in return, 1). that they would love him, 2). obey him, and 3). serve him. **So what did Israel do?** They ignored what the Lord told them to do! They refused the law given them, and they defiled the land. So, God had to judge them.

Judges parallels with America is obvious and alarming. No nation during our life time has ever had a **Anglo Saxon, Judao, Christian beginning** like the United States of America. **We**, like those early Israelites have been given the Lord Jesus, the Christ, the law, and a fruitful land. But now America is tarnishing God’s blessings, **denying Him, and defiling Him.**

Ps 53:1, God tells us, “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that do good.” It is for this reason our Lord of Lords tells us in Deut 28: 21-22, “The Lord shall

make the pestilence [plague] cleave unto you, until He have consumed you from off the land, whither you go to possess it. The Lord shall smite you with a consumption, [an economic consumption] diseases and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning.” Lev 26: 18 adds, “And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you **seven times more for your sins.**”



Our daily news reports: we read of our Lord and God is, slowly but steadily being expelled from every public venue. It started in the public schools, and has spread to public places, like our states, our court houses, and our saying of “The pledge of allegiance,” and on and on to the point where today we are fighting battles about what we can even say in our churches! It is no longer just about the separation of church and state but rather the separation of America from the God who founded her and has so blessed her!

The supreme court has been saying, that it is against the law to display the 10 Commandments in a public place, even though their building in Washington, D.C. displays them! Their reasoning is that if you display them people might ponder them and if so, they might obey them and that would be a violation of the separation of church and state.

We are doing just what Israel did during the days of Judges. It is now the official position of our government that the 10 Commandments are dangerous! We surely don't want kids in school to see 'you shall not kill' you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal or bear false witness –to lie, Because if they did, they might obeyed them! Today they want to outlaw home schooling because parents might teach their children about God and His living ways.

America, once called **an Anglo, Saxon, Judao, Christian nation**, is now going in a foolish direction and contrary to basic common sense. We do not force our beliefs on anyone, but we have allowed Satan's world to chip away at our core of morality. Like the children of Israel in the past, Israel is again denying the Lord, and defying His laws, Statutes and Government. America is polluting its God given authority.

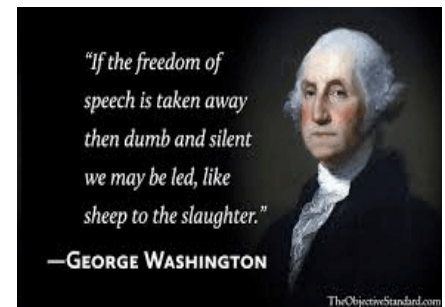
Governor Cuomo of New York said, “**God** has done nothing to stop the corona virus 19.” But the Conservatives in New York are calling for people to pray because they know why God is being silent. They know we are doing this to our self in many ways, but perhaps the number “1” way is found in the spilled blood of millions of aborted babies. Today it is “OK” to keep abortion going but **close** church gatherings.

God is taking away His glory from the House of Israel while they are doing such things. He is in the process of removing Himself from all the good old U.S. of A. has done!

There needs to be more national days on our knees, praying for God's Kingdom to come!

Praying for a strong moral spiritual repentance. I don't know what it's going to take if 9/11 and now corona virus 19 is not enough to cause repentance. What will be enough?

In the book of Judges is recorded, God raising up 13 men to deliver Israel from backsliding, in order to bring about national restoration. Studying these 13 men God used “we find” when a family becomes rich there are 3 stages which seem to always occur: The first generation – generates the fortune. The second generation – speculates with their fortune. The third generation squanders the fortune, and it is gone thru a series of compromises and foolish decisions. At present we read in the news of trillions of dollars are being added to our nations debt! That is exactly how it works with a nation. There is a generation that generates the freedom, then a generation that adventures the fortune away, and finally, a generation that wastes what's left until its completely gone, and freedom is found no more.



Its no secret, this national shutdown has taken away our freedom. There are some people like the democrats and liberals don't believe this, they need to study the book of Judges and those nations that have forgotten God in history. Lets refresh our minds with some of Israelites history that

entered into the promised land, under General Joshua. Israel was given by God victory after victory. Walls came tumbling down, and kings were subdued. They won victories they never could have apart from having the power of God on their side.

And that's just how it was with the United States of America. Going back to our first war, the Revolutionary War. Britain had more men, more money, and better machinery. It was truly a David and Goliath scenario, but God was on Americas side and we won!

Patrick Henry gave the speech which sparked a revolution in 1775. He said, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains or slavery? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take but as for me; **"Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!" It was 'game on and we won that war.**

Today its clear people want their freedom back! George Washington became our first president. When he took office he placed his hand on the Holy Bible. When he finished taking the oath, he kissed the Bible. His first official act was to lead the entire congress in a 2 hour worship session.

In one of Washington's inaugural addresses, he said, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency." In plain English he said, it is God who got us thus far, and

we had better not forget it!

Our founding fathers made it abundantly clear that this land was founded on God and the Bible. The Bible was the first and only book to be used in public schools for years. Succeeding generations in America began to squander this blessings away.



Remember Judges 2: 1, God said, look at all I have done for you. I delivered you from Slavery, fed you with manna, guided you and guarded you into the promised land. Now look at you ... why have you done this?! Verse 7 tells us Joshua's generation saw first hand the great works of God. Judges 2 :7, "So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who out lived Joshua, who had seen all **the Great works of the Lord** which He had done for Israel." In verse 10, relates a different story, "When all that generation had been gathered to their Fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel."

What a sad thing to read! This means that the Joshua generation failed to pass their values on to their children. This has happened in America since the 1960, and look where we are at today. Our children do not understand "Americas" moral foundations and the spiritual principles upon which this nation

was founded. Our former president Barack Hassan Obama tried to rewrite history and remove God from our land. Do away with the "Declaration of Independence" and "We the People." Until his presidency, there was relative calm in the United States over race relations.

Repeating Judges 21, the most heart broken verse in this book of Judges is Judges 21:25, "In those days there was no king in Israel: **every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**" They became a people with no **absolutes no standards** to live by. Is that not the nation you and I live in today? Judges parallels with America is eye opening ?

Barna research shows that 67% of Americans say there is no such thing as absolute truth. They say that right and wrong is not clear. What is wrong for you is not necessarily wrong for me. If that doesn't scare you, consider what the same survey found in some Evangelical churches and what they found among Sunday morning attendees. 52% was surveyed and said the same thing! Imagine, God's called and chosen saying, there's no black and white, or, right and wrong!

Judges 2, reveals to us how Israel got to this same point. It was thru a series of compromises. Judges 2: 2, God had told them to drive the enemy out of the land, and further, not to have anything to do with them. Notice Judges 2:2, "And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this Land; you shall tear down their altars. But you **have not obeyed** My voice. Why have you done this? NIV. They were to separate themselves from idolatry just as we are

supposed to do today.

Notice why Israel feared the Canaanites. We read their reasoning in Judges 1 :19, “So the Lord was with Judah. And they drove out the Mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, [where the Canaanities lived] because they had chariots of iron”NKJV.

They were afraid, even while knowing they could have trusted in God and won, but they were afraid to try! They said, these people are impregnable, we cannot conquer them, therefore we might as well learn to accommodate them, surrender to them, and learn to live with them.

While watching our voted in leaders in Washington, D.C, it looks like there are some Canaanites that the House of Israel is fearing in America today. Many of our leaders today want to surrender in the war on terrorism and this new war with **corona virus 19**. They say we are losing



and we might as well quit trying to win. They say we need to sit down with China, Iran, Russia and negotiate with these enemies and stop trying to police [protect] the world.

Recognizing another war many politicians today are calling for an end to, is the war on drugs. They say that we have lost, so we should surrender and legalize it. Trying to control drugs by

legalizing them is like trying to control a fire with gasoline.

Today we hear of many parents surrendering in the area of sexual promiscuity. They throw up their hands and say well, you're not gonna mind or be good, so just be careful and wear some protection. Now what message does that send to a young person?

It's time we get back to confronting our culture with the truth of God and His full word. Its also time for parents to tell their young people, God wants you to be pure and chaste. He wants you to be a virgin when you get married, not be passed around like a bottle of gator-ade in a football huddle !

Too many have become afraid of the confrontation, and way too sensitive about how we might offend someone who has gone too far. The question is whom shall I offend? Man, or God? The truth is offensive, to the worldly, not to God's called!

“Why“ John 8:32 reminds us, “**And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you Free.**”

Another thought: this nation has become so politically correct about homosexuality, that it has become wrong to say anything about it. Some people personally say they are against it, but should leave it as a **personal** decision. That's the answer in our society today, in spite of what God says and in spite of what always happens to a society when they go that route. Man give them more than just equal status, but exalted status! Special status and that makes the rest of us to be

a discriminated status.

Now in the United States of America, there is something else that is new. we are trying, something never before considered in America. Mixing Socialism–Communism, and Islamism. We are ignoring the plight of other countries who have tried it. We are beginning to slide down a dead end, one way, no U-Turn path that leads from capitalism, upon which we were founded, to Socialism, and Communism,

This corona virus 19 is causing this nation of America to becoming a nation with no wealth, no freedom, and no real reason to work for anything any more!



We are at the tail end of the speculation generation, and we are treading in waters, we never been in before and its ugly!

There were Canaanites that Israel feared.and canaanites that they favored. They said in Judges 1:28, “Look, we can use these people. “And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanite's under tribute, but did not completely drive them out” Nkjv. So we find they made slaves of them, in spite of the fact that God said, “Not to have anything to do with them.” Israel pondered, sure they are wicked, but there's some good that can come out of them. **Again, not obeying God's orders.**

Looking now at another bad policy America is doing. America

and our government is turning more and more to borrowing, and borrowing not just from banks, but from the world, especially China.



We're now borrowing from our children and future generations, who will never be able to pay it back. But hey, that's their problem! **Right!**

We are further illustrating just how far we have come from our founding generation! Just like Israel, we are favoring the world's ways. For the first time ever, looking back before President Trump, we have had a "U.N." President of the world, Barack Obama, who apologizes for us to the world, about calling ourselves "a **Judao-Christian nation.**" He's was a world citizen [United Nations citizen] not an American citizen.

Back to the canaanites, Israel feared. Judges 1: 32, "The Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out."Nkjv **Why?** because these people they felt were not that bad.



They may worship different gods, but they are good neighbors. When continuing to read on you will find that Israel learned of their wicked ways and Israel entered into their idolatry, including the abortion like sacrificing of their children to Molech. We are as guilty today as they were about murdering children in our abortion clinics.

Another abomination we hear cries over, there's nothing wrong with being gay, what they do is their business. God says they are an abomination and will be our downfall as a society. If we tolerate it, we are begging for God's judgment. He's done it before, and He'll do it again! Does Sodom and Gomorrah come to mind? Their sin was the last sin God would put up with. God loves homosexuals and so should we. We love them, **not** by accepting their sin, but by confronting it with **the truth. Love the sinner but hate the sin!**

The last verse in Judges tell us, "every man did what was right in his own eyes."

The parallels in the book of Judges are no different than today, when we consider them. Judges 2: and verse 3, we find Israel being chastened because of their disobedience. "Therefore I also said, 'I' will not drive them out

before you; But they shall be **thorns** in your side, and their gods shall be a **Snare** to you."

Thinking of thorns and snares, can anyone say, "**Illegal immigration?**" Moslem ideology, terrorism! Verse 4, "So it was, when the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept." KHV. They wept because God was saying, "I" now lift My hand of protection off of you." We'd better realize that God is removing His protective hand from this nation." Its clear thorns and snares are lurking every where in America

Being called and studying the book of Judges we realize that Judges describes the House of Israel's downfall, that America is going through today.

God would always rather forgive than to judge, but if we insist on, not obeying God, we should be afraid.! After all what God has done for America, how can we turn our back on Him? As we see the evil of today, we need to pray for National repentance! 🙏

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