

# **A Rebellious Nation**

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Take a few minutes and read Isaiah 1:2-20, and as the Lord speaks to you consider the current spiritual state of this once great and blessed nation.

Look at the similarities between how God dealt with ancient Israel and how He is dealing with America today.

Like Israel, the people of America have a Godly heritage and as a nation, we have known the truth and the God of Israel.

When Israel turned away from God, He sent warnings to bring them to repentance. Each time the warnings came was another opportunity for the people to repent. However, when the people ignored His warnings, they took sides against God and put themselves in a dangerous place where the blessings were cut off.

Looking at recent events, He has done the same here and sent warning after warning and given America an opportunity to repent and return to a place of favor. But without repentance this nation's leadership and people have grown even more defiant. We have rejected the counsel of God and have effectively demanded that He remove Himself from our nation so that we can govern ourselves without Him.

This defiance has only brought on more judgment and calamity and we are now on a path of destruction. It is our choices that have taken God's blessing of protection away.

I believe that in this hour God is calling the church out from a place of spiritual apathy and complacency like no other time in my life. The dark is growing darker so the light must get brighter! No more middle ground, your life and choices are a testimony and a reflection of what team you truly on.

Soon, as His Word declares, "He will separate the people one from another as a Shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."  
Matthew 25:32-33

Is your team on the right or left?

Remember judgment begins with the house of God.

"Unless the Lord watches over the city (nation), the watchman stand guard in vain."  
Psalm 127:1

With a humble heart I share.

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