

The Fall of Nations: Sexual Immorality

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem, saith, “That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been long ago, in the ages which were before us. There is no remembrance of the former generations; neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter generations that are to come, among those that shall come after” (Ecclesiastes 1:1-11).

Solomon sets forth a principle that inquisitive, searching minds are aware of, as was stated by the philosopher Hegel, concluding, “We learn from history that people learn nothing from history,” and the poet and philosopher George Santayana warning that “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

The words of Solomon ring true: “that which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.” Thus, what we see transpiring in our own society is simply a repeat of what transpired among generations long, or not so long, past.

When the nation of Israel was preparing to enter the land of Canaan, “it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, that bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against Jehovah; and how much more after my death? Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands” (Deuteronomy 31:24-29).

Our society is following a path of least resistance with an attitude void of accountability. The young, as in past generations, have little or no knowledge of the past, or the consequences of their actions.

The reasons given for the fall of nations are a dime a dozen. However, scripturally, the ultimate reason for a nation’s demise is set forth in Leviticus

18:24-25, saying, "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you; And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land vomiteth out her inhabitants." What were the "these things" of the text? Sexual immorality. Ross Triplett, Sr.