

# Death of the Golden Goose

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In one of Aesop's Fables, entitled "the Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs," a goose that had proven financially reliable over a period of time was sacrificed in order to provide an "imagined" short-term gain. Sadly, this lesson is lost on those who subscribe to Marxist/Leninist economic theory today because these adherents believe it is possible to take money from those who are working hard, sacrificing where necessary and taking risks, and still maintain a vibrant and healthy economy. This is "pie in the sky" thinking has ruined economies whenever it has been practiced. In reality, by punishing those who are actually creating jobs, any incentive to continue working hard, sacrificing, and taking risks is eradicated. Now, a country's "entrepreneurs" will close their business or take it overseas where tax incentives are more favorable. Once this happens, everyone suffers as a consequence,

*"Higher income tax rates decrease the incentive to work and invest compared to lower rates. If this effect is large enough, it means that at some tax rate, and further increase in rate, it will actually lead to a decrease in total tax revenue. For every type of tax, there is a threshold rate above which the incentive to produce more diminishes, thereby reducing the amount of revenue the government receives"*

(investopedia.com/terms/l/laffercurve.asp).

More often than not, "killing the golden goose" makes it necessary to create more "government welfare programs" in order to counteract the effect of higher unemployment due to the government increasing taxes on those who are working hard, sacrificing, and taking risks.

It should be obvious that "economic principles" were not central to the educational curriculum of

the leaders who are currently running the U.S. Administration in 2021. Instead, the overriding philosophy must have been centered on the Robin Hood Doctrine of stealing from the rich who have earned their "ice cream cones" by hard work, sacrifice, and risk-taking. Based on the current trajectory, the U.S. economy will "tank" well before the next election in 2024 because too many people have been duped into believing that printing more money to spend on more government programs is the answer to all the challenges currently facing the nation.

To compound the problem further, economic principles espoused in God's word, the Bible, are ignored.

If these were obeyed today, the economies of this world would be very strong to the benefit all citizens. At the foundation of God's economic system is the tithe, or one-tenth tax that all citizens pay regardless of their income. This money is used to fund the judicial, medical, and religious systems of a country. If someone works hard and acquires wealth, he/she still pays ten percent of their income. So no one is punished for out-performing others, contrary to socialist doctrine.

*And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord (Lev. 27:30).*

This tithe was collected and administered by the Levitical priesthood who were responsible for managing judicial as well as medical and religious matters.

*Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, (including) the work of the tabernacle of meeting (Nu. 18:21; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

So unlike today, there were no “fat-cat lawyers” being paid exorbitant hourly fees to adjudicate legal matters. Also, there were no politicians with their “hands in the kitty” taking bribes and other “perks”.

Historically, whenever God’s economic system is ignored, serious consequences follow. In the case of King Rehoboam vs the families of Israel, he decided to increase taxes and implement onerous regulations that led to the country being seriously divided. This same dynamic is occurring in America today and the outcome will be no different unless the current course is changed,

*.... Then Jeroboam and the whole congregation of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, “Your father (David) made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.”<sup>5</sup> So he said to them, “Depart for three days, then come back to me.” And the people departed (1Kgs. 12:3b-5; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

*So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king directed, saying, “Come back to me the third day.”<sup>13</sup> Then the king answered the people roughly, and rejected the counsel which the elders had given him; <sup>14</sup>and (instead) he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but **I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!**” (1Kgs. 12:12-14; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

This response was the last straw for ten of the twelve families in Israel. These ten declared their independence from King Rehoboam, who was based in Jerusalem, and they established their new headquarters to the north in Samaria.

*Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying: “What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse, To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!” So Israel departed to their tents (1Kgs. 12:16).*

By increasing taxes and creating more government programs, combined with burdensome regulations, the people of any nation are going to consider alternatives; just as ten of the twelve families in the ancient nation of Israel did by declaring their independence from the ruling class based in Jerusalem. This is the result that usually follows when leaders abuse their power and ignore a large portion of their population as we see happening in America today.

Jesus Christ made it crystal clear that any nation divided, as America is, cannot stand. Instead, it will tear itself apart while its enemies take advantage of this situation. If not corrected, any nation will collapse if it follows America’s example.

*But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “**Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand**” (Mt. 12:25; emphasis added).*

When citizens feel their rulers are ignoring them, while lining their own pockets and creating more burdensome and expensive government programs, there will be a reaction. This occurred in Great Britain when the majority voted in favor of Brexit, and the same trend is happening within America today. As of early 2021, 411,673 Texans have registered their support for the Texas Nationalist Movement, or “Texit”. This trend will not end with the State of Texas as long as politicians at the federal level continue to force a Marxist/Leninist socioeconomic policy on the taxpayers of America.

Sadly, these same politicians see no connection with King Rehoboam and the division of the ancient nation of Israel, even though the lesson is there for everyone to learn from. Instead, they want to fix something that was not broken by introducing policies that are very unpopular with about half the American people. Some imagined short term “political gain” at the expense of the Golden Goose that was not broken is foolish at best.

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