

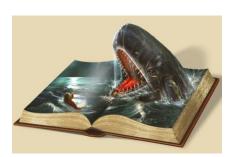
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GOD Judges & Restores Nations: Types & Evidence, Lessons from Scripture 3

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We are experiencing the righteous judgments of God Almighty, but most of us do not recognize



the evidence of His judgments, or believe that He still judges, or know how we should respond. This morning I was reading the book of Jonah, seeing him run away from speaking the truth. Yet when he repented and spoke the word of the LORD to the people of Nineveh, the king and people repented; and "God relented concerning the calamity which He declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it" (Jonah 3:10). Amazing!

I am not a prophet like those recorded in the Bible, but the same Spirit of GOD who spoke through them is able to open our understanding to see what they said that applies also today. "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). "For it is written in the Law of Moses . . . Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written" (1 Corinthians 9:9-10). "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall" (1 Corinthians 10:11-12).

To help you recognize GOD speaking through judgments, including by letting people go their own way and reap the consequences, here are more types and evidence. Do you see the same occurring in the United States or your nation?

Evidence of Lawlessness, Despising Authority, Rejecting Rule of Law:

• Lawlessness increases, undermining morality & rule of law (Proverbs 29:18; Jeremiah 18:18; Lamentations 2:9; Matthew 7:23; 24:12; Romans 6:19; 2 Peter 2:7-10; 1 John 3:4).

<u>Evidence in Bad, Contentious, Failed, Displaced, or Destroyed Leaders:</u>

- Loss of good, wise, discerning leaders (Isaiah 3:1-3; Hosea 7:7-11; 13:10).
- Leaders not alert to dangers, unaware, unconcerned, relaxing, sleeping (Nahum 3:18).
- Lack of courage (Leviticus 26:36; Isaiah 22:3; Lamentations 1:6; Ezekiel 7:17, 27).
- Leaders deceived or being deceived by advisors (Jeremiah 49:16; Micah 1:14; Revelation 20:3,8).
- Leaders fighting against each other (Jeremiah 51:46).

- Leaders dismayed, can't solve overwhelming problems (Ezekiel 7:26-27; Hosea 13:9-10).
- Immature foolish rulers who exercise oppressive, arbitrary power (Isaiah 3:4, 12).
- Women displace men as rulers and leaders, and lead people astray (Isaiah 3:12).

Evidence in Nation-to-Nation Relationships:

- Diminished influence and power in relation to other nations (Obadiah 1:2).
- "Swallowed up" by nations, greatly influenced and ruled by them (Hosea 8:8; 11:5).
- Despised, a reproach to, and mocked by other nations (Ezekiel 22:4-5; Obadiah 1:2).
- Supposed allies deceive, betray, turn against, and ambush (Obadiah 1:7).
- Becoming "a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people" (Deuteronomy 28:37).

These descriptions of what occurred in ancient Israel and Judah when most of their leaders and people turned against GOD, are troubling to read, and troubling to see us following the same path of destruction today. GOD's heart then and now is to restore in righteousness every person, family, community and nation that will truly humble themselves before Him.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable people in the USA and every nation to know the LORD, recognize His judgments and heart to restore them, and renew a right understanding of the nature of GOD, His zeal for righteousness and justice, and that "His compassions never fail" (Lamentations 3:22). 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 repent, there will be restoration.

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