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Introduction

There are those days that I wonder if anyone really has the desire to understand exactly what I'm trying desperately to get my fellow citizens of this nation to fully comprehend. This nation is going through a terrible time, yet few people understand it or even know that it is happening.

America is under attack and most of the populace don't even know that we are under attack. Go to any bookstore and look at some of the titles. Jonathan Cahn has his Harbinger series. Eric Metaxas has his book "Letter to the American Church." Gerald Flurry has his book "America Under Attack." Joel Rosenberg and many others in America and Israel also have written books about the deep state, the lawlessness of the Obama administration, the case about General Michael Flynn, the American Embassy's move in Israel to Jerusalem. There are so many subjects and the time period is so short if you are considering twenty years in relationship to 2000 years.

I indicated that this nation is under attack. Who is attacking the United States and more importantly why? The who is going to sound like a fairy tale to many people because of their mind set and also because they don't want to hear any other idea or concept. If someone goes against their concept, thought or cherished rule, they will automatically begin an attack toward anyone who has violated their mind set because that is their nature. But, who is behind this nature and what is actually controlling those individuals with this type of mind set? The answer is very simple, Satan is the ultimate force behind these attacks. Satan hates Israel, anything relating to Israel, or the two religions that go back to the Living Holy God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Those two religions are Jewish and Christian. Now, having said that, allow me to add one statement that clarifies my thoughts. There are many people, both Jewish and Christian, who claim to be a follower of Jewish or Christian doctrine but are anything but! I know that most Jews do not accept Jesus as their Messiah and Lord, however, if you look at the words of the Bible, you will find that Jesus had a great problem with the Pharisees. For the most part, Jesus called them hypocrites who made up their own laws and traditions against the Covenant their forefathers established with God in the Wilderness. Christians seem to forget that we are the wild olive branch that was grafted into the chosen olive tree. Our roots are the same roots as that of Israel and the Jews. What is destined for Israel is, in many ways, destined for America. Granted, for the most part America will not face the Tribulation as Israel will have to face the coming Great Tribulation. There are many reasons for that. We will discuss that more as we move through this book.

I have indicated who is behind the attack on America and some of the reasons why Satan is attacking our nation. To fully explain the reason Satan is attacking our nation is in the following. First, believe it or not, God created Hell only for Satan and his angels, Matthew 25:41, ⁴¹ *Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'* (NKJV) The Bible then tells us that hell is enlarged daily, Isaiah 5:14, ¹⁴ *Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.* (KJV) In fact, the Bible says that hell is never full, Proverbs 27:20, ²⁰ *Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.* (KJV) We must, out of necessity, understand why Satan is pouring out his wrath and why mankind is so susceptible to Satan's influence at this date and time. We find a major portion of this in Revelation 12:1-17, (I must stop for a moment and explain what I intend to do. As we go through Revelation 12, I will break and insert my words in black print to explain the narrative as we go through these verses.) ¹ *And a great sign appeared in heaven: (I do not know what the great sign in heaven is—is it God, Himself?) a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.* (This woman is Israel. The sun, moon and stars are Jacob and Rebecca, and the twelve male children make up the twelve tribes of Israel. There are those who claim that this woman is the

church, and I say, “It can’t be.” The Church is made of people, however the church had not come into existence at the time of Jesus’ birth [vs 5] so, this is not the church. This is Israel, the land of Jesus’ birth.) ² *She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.* ³ *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, (This red dragon is Satan.) with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems (This is Satan’s configuration that will make up the Antichrist at the end of time).* ⁴ *His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth (These are a third of the angels that Satan convinced to rebel against God).* *And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it (Satan has been trying to destroy any and everything belonging to God since he rebelled and became Satan, and not Lucifer).* ⁵ *She gave birth to a male child, (Jesus is this male child.) one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron (The Kingdom of God), but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, (Resurrected as the First Fruit of God’s Kingdom.)* ⁶ *and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. (This is God’s prepared place for Israel during the tribulation.)*

⁷ *Now war arose in heaven, Michael (The Archangel over God’s Heavenly Host) and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,* ⁸ *but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.* ⁹ *And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world (Satan is the deceiver of the whole world and the cause of everything that is happening against mankind at this moment)—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him (Satan and his millions of demons have all been thrown down to earth, no wonder there is so much chaos happening all around the globe. Remember Satan and his angels have the capability to masquerade as angels of light deceiving many with their words and actions).* ¹⁰ *And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. (This was during the time that Satan had access to Heaven.)* ¹¹ *And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony (This is how we, as Christians, defeat Satan and keep his demons at bay), for they loved not their lives even unto death (We are not to fear death because through Christ we have eternal life).* ¹² *Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” (Here is the full reason that mankind is seeing and feeling all of the wrath of Satan and his demons.)*

¹³ *And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. (Satan has the desire to rid the earth of the name of Israel and anything connected to that name—Satan wants to rule the earth as his domain, but God has a different plan.)* ¹⁴ *But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time (This duplicates what is said in verse 6—the time, times and half a time is the same as 1,260 days and all equal 3 and 1/2 years).* ¹⁵ *The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.* ¹⁶ *But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth (An earthquake occurred to save the woman).* ¹⁷ *Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring (The rest of the world—Remember God told Abraham that the whole of mankind would be blessed through him, isn’t that basically indicating the rest of the world?), on those who keep the commandments of God (Make war against all who follow the Ten Commandments and possess true faith in Jesus.) and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea. (Satan has basically stated that he has authority [stood] over humanity [sand of the sea].) (ESV)*

Mankind's Rebellion Against God

Mankind's rebellion against God isn't anything new, man has been in a state of rebellion ever since Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden! Satan has done a thorough job deceiving humanity ever since the lie he told to Eve in the Garden. Evidence of Satan's deceptions and lies are found throughout recorded history, be it secular or Biblical history. Take for instance the words of the 12th chapter of Revelation that were used as our introduction. Look closely at verses 9 and 10. In verse 9, we see that Satan has deceived the whole world, and in verse 10, we see that there was a time, prior to his being thrown out of heaven, when he accused mankind of every little sin before God. One reason Satan did this was to show God the depth of evilness in mankind's heart. A Biblical example could be the story of Job, or even the scheme to kill all the Jews in Persia during the time of Queen Esther. Face reality, Satan wants to portray himself as god and be the ruler over humanity. Remember, Satan has one third of the angels, which God created in the beginning, that are now his demonic followers. This horde of evil has now been thrown to Earth and humanity is faced with the reality that Satan wants **ALL** to be under his control and to follow his ways.

You don't believe that! You think an apathetic church is going to stop Satan from doing these things. You really need to study your Bible and understand that the apathetic church is a part of the players which Satan has under his control who are misleading humanity directly down the road to destruction. Look at Paul's statement in his second letter to the church at Corinth, 2 Corinthians 11:12-15, ¹² *But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.* ¹³ **For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.** ¹⁴ *And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.* ¹⁵ **Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.** (NKJV)

We could visit many areas and subjects to illustrate the extent of Satan's control over present day humanity. We could go down the path of same-sex marriages or the LBGTQ community. Neither situation is a God ordained righteous functioning of humanity. I assume the 'T' in the LBGTQ logo stands for transgender. Once again, we see Satan's fingerprints all over today's world. God only created two genders, male and female! God created these males and females to populate the Earth. Two men or two women can not produce an offspring! Mankind is going against the simple design features that God gave to those that were created in His image! If mankind, of today, intends to see their grandchildren, they need to have a great revival, a total reset of their indwelling spirit and repentance of their sins.

Many of today's so-called Christians have this belief of, "Once saved, always saved" as the standard rule God applies to their life. Is that a true statement? Let's look at history and what the Bible says about this subject. The term GRACE is an absolute part of this thought. By God's grace salvation of one's soul is established. That appears to be the predominate thought as I hear it from people. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance lists the word GRACE a total of 166 times in the Bible with the word used eleven times in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, and two times in Revelation, the last book of the Bible. What about the word backsliding? According to Strong's, the word backsliding is recorded 12 times in the Bible and the plural form, backslidings, is used four times. Even so, there are many sections of scripture which we can see the effects backsliding can cause in a person's life. My own life can show both concepts.

I was raised as a Southern Baptist, who happened to strongly believe the statement, "Once saved, always saved." This thought was misused on many occasions and I soon learned another statement, "Six day sinner, one day Baptist." This new statement was telling me that there were many good Baptist who thought they could live their life in the world all during the week but became greatly Christian on

Sunday morning. There seemed to be a conflict! Was I living a worldly life or was I living a Christ-like life? I soon decided that if I was going to claim to be a Christian, meaning a follower of Christ's teachings, I needed to study and see what actions, traits and words Christ used while He was on the Earth the first time. There truly are false teachers and false apostles that are deceiving many into accepting a different gospel that Paul spoke about to the Corinthians. I now state that I am a Bible Believer and many of the proofs that I may put on a piece of paper will offend many, but I must be bold and show you the differences between the Gospel of Christ and His Kingdom of Heaven in lieu of the worldly view of self-will and Satan's influences upon that will.

Let's go deeper in our review of backsliding and I will pose a statement associated with backsliding and provide a reference from the Bible:

Backsliding: Exemplified

Exodus 32:7-14, ⁷ *And the Lord said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. ⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! ¹⁰ Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."*

¹¹ *Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: "Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴ So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people. (NKJV)*

Nehemiah 9:25-37, ²⁵ *Our ancestors captured fortified cities and fertile land. They took over houses full of good things, with cisterns already dug and vineyards and olive groves and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate until they were full and grew fat and enjoyed themselves in all your blessings. ²⁶ "But despite all this, they were disobedient and rebelled against you. They turned their backs on your Law, they killed your prophets who warned them to return to you, and they committed terrible blasphemies. ²⁷ So you handed them over to their enemies, who made them suffer. But in their time of trouble they cried to you, and you heard them from heaven. In your great mercy, you sent them liberators who rescued them from their enemies.*

²⁸ *"But as soon as they were at peace, your people again committed evil in your sight, and once more you let their enemies conquer them. Yet whenever your people turned and cried to you again for help, you listened once more from heaven. In your wonderful mercy, you rescued them many times! ²⁹ "You warned them to return to your Law, but they became proud and obstinate and disobeyed your commands. They did not follow your regulations, by which people will find life if only they obey. They stubbornly turned their backs on you and refused to listen. ³⁰ In your love, you were patient with them for many years. You sent your Spirit, who warned them through the prophets. But still they wouldn't listen! So once again you allowed the peoples of the land to conquer them. ³¹ But in your great mercy, you did not destroy them completely or abandon them forever. What a gracious and merciful God you are!*

³² “And now, our God, the great and mighty and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of unfailing love, do not let all the hardships we have suffered seem insignificant to you. Great trouble has come upon us and upon our kings and leaders and priests and prophets and ancestors—all of your people—from the days when the kings of Assyria first triumphed over us until now. ³³ Every time you punished us you were being just. We have sinned greatly, and you gave us only what we deserved. ³⁴ Our kings, leaders, priests, and ancestors did not obey your Law or listen to the warnings in your commands and laws. ³⁵ Even while they had their own kingdom, they did not serve you, though you showered your goodness on them. You gave them a large, fertile land, but they refused to turn from their wickedness.

³⁶ “So now today we are slaves in the land of plenty that you gave our ancestors for their enjoyment! We are slaves here in this good land. ³⁷ The lush produce of this land piles up in the hands of the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins. They have power over us and our livestock. We serve them at their pleasure, and we are in great misery.” (NLT)

Backsliding: Results of self absorption

Isaiah 1:2-7, ² Listen, O heavens! Pay attention, earth! This is what the Lord says: “The children I raised and cared for have rebelled against me. ³ Even an ox knows its owner, and a donkey recognizes its master’s care—but Israel doesn’t know its master. My people don’t recognize my care for them.” ⁴ Oh, what a sinful nation they are—loaded down with a burden of guilt. They are evil people, corrupt children who have rejected the Lord. They have despised the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. ⁵ Why do you continue to invite punishment? Must you rebel forever? Your head is injured, and your heart is sick. ⁶ You are battered from head to foot—covered with bruises, welts, and infected wounds—without any soothing ointments or bandages. ⁷ Your country lies in ruins, and your towns are burned. Foreigners plunder your fields before your eyes and destroy everything they see. (NLT)

Hosea 11:7-10, ⁷ My people are bent on backsliding from Me. Though they call to the Most High, None at all exalt Him. ⁸ “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboiim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred.

⁹ I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not man, The Holy One in your midst; And I will not come with terror. ¹⁰ “They shall walk after the Lord. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then His sons shall come trembling from the west; (NKJV)

Proverbs 14:14-18, ¹⁴ Backsliders get what they deserve; good people receive their reward. ¹⁵ Only simpletons believe everything they’re told! The prudent carefully consider their steps. ¹⁶ The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence. ¹⁷ Short-tempered people do foolish things, and schemers are hated. ¹⁸ Simpletons are clothed with foolishness, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge. (NLT)

Backsliding: Warnings against

Psalms 85:4-9, ⁴ Now restore us again, O God of our salvation. Put aside your anger against us once more. ⁵ Will you be angry with us always? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations? ⁶ Won’t you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you? ⁷ Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. ⁸ I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways. ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 10:12-13, ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (ESV)

Backsliding: Sin of, to be confessed

Isaiah 59:1-21, ¹ Listen! The Lord's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. ² It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. ³ Your hands are the hands of murderers, and your fingers are filthy with sin. Your lips are full of lies, and your mouth spews corruption. ⁴ No one cares about being fair and honest. The people's lawsuits are based on lies. They conceive evil deeds and then give birth to sin. ⁵ They hatch deadly snakes and weave spiders' webs. Whoever falls into their webs will die, and there's danger even in getting near them. ⁶ Their webs can't be made into clothing, and nothing they do is productive. All their activity is filled with sin, and violence is their trademark. ⁷ Their feet run to do evil, and they rush to commit murder. They think only about sinning. Misery and destruction always follow them. ⁸ They don't know where to find peace or what it means to be just and good. They have mapped out crooked roads, and no one who follows them knows a moment's peace. ⁹ So there is no justice among us, and we know nothing about right living. We look for light but find only darkness. We look for bright skies but walk in gloom. ¹⁰ We grope like the blind along a wall, feeling our way like people without eyes. Even at brightest noontime, we stumble as though it were dark. Among the living, we are like the dead. ¹¹ We growl like hungry bears; we moan like mournful doves. We look for justice, but it never comes. We look for rescue, but it is far away from us. ¹² For our sins are piled up before God and testify against us. Yes, we know what sinners we are. ¹³ We know we have rebelled and have denied the Lord. We have turned our backs on our God. We know how unfair and oppressive we have been, carefully planning our deceitful lies. ¹⁴ Our courts oppose the righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth stumbles in the streets, and honesty has been outlawed. ¹⁵ Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who renounces evil is attacked.

The Lord looked and was displeased to find there was no justice. ¹⁶ He was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So he himself stepped in to save them with his strong arm, and his justice sustained him. ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his body armor and placed the helmet of salvation on his head. He clothed himself with a robe of vengeance and wrapped himself in a cloak of divine passion. ¹⁸ He will repay his enemies for their evil deeds. His fury will fall on his foes. He will pay them back even to the ends of the earth. ¹⁹ In the west, people will respect the name of the Lord; in the east, they will glorify him. For he will come like a raging flood tide driven by the breath of the Lord. ²⁰ "The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins," says the Lord.

²¹ "And this is my covenant with them," says the Lord. "My Spirit will not leave them, and neither will these words I have given you. They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children's children forever. I, the Lord, have spoken! (NLT)

Jeremiah 3:13, ¹³ Only acknowledge your guilt. Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God and committed adultery against him by worshiping idols under every green tree. Confess that you refused to listen to my voice. I, the Lord, have spoken! (NLT)

Jeremiah 14:7, ⁷ O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, Do it for Your name's sake; For our backslidings are many, We have sinned against You. (NKJV)

Backsliding: Pardon of promised

Jeremiah 3:12-13, ¹² *Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says the Lord; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says the Lord; 'I will not remain angry forever. ¹³ Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the Lord your God, And have scattered your charms To alien deities under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice,' says the Lord. (NKJV)*

Jeremiah 31:16-20, ¹⁶ *Thus says the Lord: "Refrain your voice from weeping, And your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord, And they shall come back from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷ There is hope in your future, says the Lord, That your children shall come back to their own border. ¹⁸ "I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, For You are the Lord my God. ¹⁹ Surely, after my turning, I repented; And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, Because I bore the reproach of my youth.' ²⁰ Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the Lord. (NKJV)*

2 Chronicles 7:13-14, ¹³ *When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, ¹⁴ if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (NKJV)*

Backsliding: Pray to be restored from

Psalms 80:3-4, ³ *Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved! ⁴ O Lord God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people? (NKJV)*

Psalms 85:4-7, ⁴ *Now restore us again, O God of our salvation. Put aside your anger against us once more. ⁵ Will you be angry with us always? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations? ⁶ Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you? ⁷ Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. (NLT)*

Lamentations 5:20-22, ²⁰ *Why do you continue to forget us? Why have you abandoned us for so long? ²¹ Restore us, O Lord, and bring us back to you again! Give us back the joys we once had! ²² Or have you utterly rejected us? Are you angry with us still? (NLT)*

Backsliding: Punishment for tempting others to the sin of

Proverbs 28:7, ¹⁰, ⁷ *Young people who obey the law are wise; those with wild friends bring shame to their parents.*

¹⁰ *Those who lead good people along an evil path will fall into their own trap, but the honest will inherit good things. (NLT)*

Matthew 18:6, ⁶ *"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. (NKJV)*

Backsliding: Endeavor to bring back those guilty of

Galatians 6:1, ¹ *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.* (NKJV)

James 5:19-20, ¹⁹ *Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,* ²⁰ *let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.* (NKJV)

We have seen mankind's rebellious nature. I pray that you were able to see that confession of our sins and repentance are the two necessary elements of returning back to God's pathway that He has led you through to this day.



We have looked at backsliding and what it causes the human heart to do in regard to being disobedient toward God. There is another tremendous burdensome stone that many people are carrying around with them in today's world. What about discouragement, which leads to depression, which leads to suicide? So many of today's youth are caught up in depressing thoughts and having to seek counseling to bring some relief of thought. Instead of seeking counseling, I feel it is necessary to go back to basics and re-examine the situation in the lives of many youth, young adults and even older adults. Here are some basic questions: How do you see God? Do you see Him as a loving God or do you see Him as a hard judgmental God? Do you even know God? Do you have a personal relationship with God? Let's examine two quick facts. One: You were created in the image of a Living God! Two: If you do not know God or have turned away from God, there is a void in you life and Satan will see to it that this void is filled as quickly as Satan can get one of his demons to take over that void. Once you become demon possessed, evil becomes your lifestyle. This could be in the form or manner of any of the worldly passions of today's mindset. How many popular thoughts of today could I bring up that would illustrate these mindsets? Woke, critical race theory, LBGQTQ, BLM, transgenderism, pro-abortion, anarchy and mob rule, or any other modern day delusion would fit this bill and this mindset.

Once again, as above, I want to go to the Bible to show you what God's Word says about anxiety, which is the beginning of this pathway that goes from discouragement to suicide.

Trust in the Lord, Proverbs 3:5-13, ⁵ *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;* ⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.* ⁷ *Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.* ⁸ *It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.* ⁹ *Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;* ¹⁰ *So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.* ¹¹ *My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction;* ¹² *For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.* ¹³ *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;* (NKJV)

The Lord will be your confidence, Proverbs 3:19-35, ¹⁹ *The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens;* ²⁰ *by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.* ²¹ *My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and*

discretion,²² and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck.²³ Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble.²⁴ If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.²⁵ Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes,²⁶ for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.²⁹ Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you.³⁰ Do not contend with a man for no reason, when he has done you no harm.³¹ Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways,³² for the devious person is an abomination to the Lord, but the upright are in his confidence.³³ The Lord’s curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.³⁴ Toward the scornful he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.³⁵ The wise will inherit honor, but fools get disgrace. (ESV)

Be Courageous, Joshua 1:9, ⁹ *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*” (ESV)

Let not your heart be troubled, John 14:1-6, ¹ *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* (NKJV)

If God is for us, who can be against us?, Romans 8:31-35, ³¹ *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?* (NKJV) There are four cross-reference verses that go along with this verse and I’m including them here. Numbers 14:8, ⁸ *If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’* (NKJV) 2 Kings 6:16, ¹⁶ *So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”* (NKJV) Psalms 118:6-8, ⁶ *The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷ The Lord is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me. ⁸ It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.* (NKJV) 1 John 4:4-6, ⁴ *Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.* (ESV)

Watch what your eyes are focusing on. When you take your focus off of God, discouragement will creep in on you. Notice when you take your eyes off God, you will naturally turn your eyes toward the things of this world. While viewing the things of this world, Satan will begin to send you discouraging thoughts. These discouraging thoughts will cause your depression to increase. Due to the absolute fact

that we were created in the image of God, when we take our focus off God our hearts become depressed. When we feel depressed, we need to stop for a second and go somewhere to be alone with God in prayer. Recall, at those moments, the following simple verses. Colossians 3:2, ² *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.* (NKJV) Proverbs 4:25-27, ²⁵ *Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.* ²⁶ *Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.* ²⁷ *Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.* (NKJV)

Discouragement, and its brother depression, results in more sinful worldly lifestyles. Why do you think Satan wants you to be discouraged and depressed? His desire is to have you lose trust in God. The demon of Depression begins whispering in your ear that you failed, then you begin to doubt God and yourself. Your thinking turns to thoughts like: God is not real! You're not a Christian! God is still mad at you! You are worthless! God knows you had an abortion and He wants you to suffer! You know God made you the wrong gender! What are you going to do about that? You know your old friends hate you! Your new friends love you! You don't need to be confused, come join us! And Satan has many more thoughts that mislead you **if** you listen. These are only the tip of the iceberg!

Then it really gets terrible. That little voice starts telling you to buy a gun and get your revenge against those people. Oh, go ahead and shoot those people who lied about you. You know you are better than they are! You can cancel them out and win! Your life is worthless, go ahead and kill all of those who hate you, and then shoot yourself, your life will be over anyway! Why not kill yourself! Go ahead and do it! You know it's that other race that is causing all the problems, kill as many of them as you can! You know they made that law just to blame you! Who needs their laws anyway? Tear down that statue! Why do you have to work so hard just to get the bills paid when those others have so much you'd like to have? Go steal it so you will have what they have! What do you mean that you are going to lock me up for that? It was my right to do that. Those other people were laughing at me! I shot them because they didn't like me! They were going to leave me and I didn't want them to go! Go find their body if you think I did it!

The world tells you that you are okay and that you can discuss all your problems with a counselor who is trained in helping you to chase your problem and your anxieties from within your head. Really, don't you get the picture? Satan is now using you to throw yourself and your shame in the face of God and to laugh and tell God that this one belongs to Satan. Is that really what you want? You need to confess your sins, pray for God to take the evil thoughts within your mind away, repent and change your lifestyle. Trust God, seek His Son Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Understand what I just said! To serve Christ means to be obedient to God's Commandments and honor God in all things. Repent and turn from your worldly living. Jesus is the true answer!

Review a few more scripture verses to support my point.

Cast all your anxiety on Him, 1 Peter 5:7-8, ⁷ *casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.* ⁸ *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* (ESV)

Do not give Satan a foothold, Ephesians 4: 25-29, ²⁵ *So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.* ²⁶ *And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,* ²⁷ *for anger gives a foothold to the devil.* ²⁸ *If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.* ²⁹ *Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.* (NLT)

Work, for I am with you, Haggai 2:4-5, ⁴ *Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, ⁵ according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. (ESV)*

Keep the book, Joshua 1:8, ⁸ *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (ESV)*

Encouragement from Scripture, Romans 15:4-5, ⁴ *Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled. ⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. (NLT)*

Keep moving forward, Job 17:9, ⁹ *The righteous keep moving forward, and those with clean hands become stronger and stronger. (NLT)*

Forget what is behind, move forward, Philippians 3:13-14 ¹³ *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (ESV)*

Don’t dwell on things past, Isaiah 43:18, ¹⁸ *“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. (NKJV)*

All things work together for good, Romans 8:28, ²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (NKJV)*

Do not be conformed to this world, Romans 12:2, ² *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)*

Know that I am God, Psalms 46:10-11, ¹⁰ *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. (NKJV)*

The righteous cry, the Lord hears, Psalms 34:17-19, ¹⁷ *When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. (ESV)*

Don't be anxious, Philippians 4:6-7, ⁶ *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;* ⁷ *and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* (NKJV)

The Wrath to Come!

In my introduction to this work, I mentioned several books written by others that shed great light on my current subject. People of America are facing a temporary reprieve when God is proclaiming for one last time that **He will not pass this way again!** We will look further into that statement a little later in this booklet. For the moment, we need to review history from a Biblical perspective.

So many Americans have allowed themselves to be blinded by Satan's false ministers and prophets. They have truly turned what is good into evil and what is evil into good. They seem to forget that this nation was founded on Biblical principals and our forefathers constructed the greatest constitution ever developed by men. During those hundreds of years that we Americans honored the laws of the land and the commandments of our God, we were blessed and became the strongest nation, envied by most other nations, on the face of the planet. But we have slowly allowed Satan to introduce his influence into our daily and political way of life to the point that we, as a nation, have rebelled completely against our God. Some of our elected leaders, President Obama and President Biden, have gone so far as to have open borders that we have lost any sense of control over. Millions of people are pouring into this country and we have no idea who they are, where they came from nor what their purpose is for coming to this land. There are drug cartel agents in this group, sex slave traders, and even organized terrorist who want to destroy this nation. Our established freedoms are even being challenged and misused against the nation by those representing worldly ideas in their heart. We have Moslem women sitting in our House of Representatives who declare openly that they are out to destroy our laws and freedoms that they do not like. We have many others in both our House of Representatives and in our Federal Senate who have a one world concept, and they are doing all they can to overthrow the laws against murder. They call it a right to have an abortion for the sake of women's health. Another issue they want to overturn is sexual morality. They feel that anyone has the right to declare that God didn't know what he was doing when He established marriage as a binding union between one man and one woman. The purpose of that union was to product children. No same sex marriage can do that! Then they go further and announce that God didn't know what He was doing when He created them either male or female. How dare these individuals, who represent us, take it upon themselves to make up such ridiculous decisions. God did not die and leave them in charge to establish their brand of rules.

We need to open the Bible and view examples from the pages of the Bible to see what God expected and what His people, and others, have done. Let us start this review in the book of Genesis, the first book in the Bible and let us look at chapter 1 of that book. Notice in the sequence of events that on the sixth day of creation God said, *"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."* So God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, *"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV) At the end of chapter two, in the last paragraph, we find the following statement. *Therefore **a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*** Genesis 2:24-25 (ESV) Don't you think it was pretty important with God? Therefore He established the genders of male and female in chapter one and the union of marriage between a man and his wife in chapter two. Go ahead and show me in any Bible that God created more than two genders or that two men or two women constitute a marriage! It has not been done and mankind does not have the authority to establish such! We can go on through the Bible and before we get out of the first book we have problems. In

chapter four, there we see the twin sons of Adam and Eve. Cain, the older, kills his brother Abel and becomes the first murderer. In chapter six, we find the following statement: *The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart.* Genesis 6:5-6, (ESV) Because of the righteousness of Noah, we find a reprieve and God allows eight people to pass across the deluge that erased the remainder of the earth's population off the face of the earth. Recall Noah built the ark for himself and his family as instructed by God.

As we journey further, we find the story of the tower of Babel in chapter eleven. In chapter twelve, we meet Abram who becomes Abraham when God changed his name to match his new character. Abraham presents us with a new journey. Through a covenant that God makes with Abraham, we see that the earth is to be blessed through Abraham, and his descendants are to become like the sand of the shore. Abraham fathers Isaac and Isaac fathers Jacob. With Jacob, we run into another set of twins and another interesting twist. The oldest sells his birthright to his younger brother for a meal of stew. Through this younger brother, we have thirteen children being born between four women. These male children are identified as the twelve tribes of Jacob whom God renames as Israel. All of this is recorded in the first book of the Bible, and, we haven't even gotten to Moses and the story of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt.

I know you already want to know where am I going with all of this. You are a New Testament believer and none of this means anything to you. This is that old stuff that you believe is myth and fairy tales. But, if I don't show you some of the basics of your faith and my faith, how are you going to see the need to confess your sins, repent and subject yourself to being obedient to our Lord and master Jesus, the Christ? Did you happen to see the word obedient in that last sentence? Do you understand what it means? Do you presently obey what Jesus taught? Do you follow the Ten Commandments? All of them in their original form, even the fourth one that you are to honor the Sabbath (the seventh day as a day of rest and worshipping God)? Why not? You claim to be a Christian? Has your modern day idol worship stepped in and taken the place of obedience? Check your calendar, the seventh day is not Sunday!

We need to understand that the Hebrew nation was chosen as God's people, and that God made several covenants with this nation called Israel. God was to be this nation of Israel's God, and the nation of Israel would be God's people. Originally, the nation of Israel was to be the model for the rest of the world to trust and obey God. That didn't go over too well as we can see from recorded history. The tribes of Israel split into two kingdoms, the northern kingdom was made up of ten of the tribes and retained the name Israel. The southern kingdom was made up primarily by the tribes of Benjamin and Judah with the name Judah being corrupted to become the Jews.

It is the prophecies of the end times that now make up the remainder of our story. First, we need to examine the structure of the kings between the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah. In the kingdom of Judah, we have a continual line of kings from King David down to the exile of the people of the kingdom of Judah to Babylon. The kingdom of Israel had many kings who served as king over various lengths of time. The longest reigning king in Israel was King Jeroboam II who reigned for forty-one years. This king ruled during the period from about 790 B.C. to about 750 B.C. during the times of the prophets Jonah, Amos and Hosea. We can find part of the record of King Jeroboam II in 2nd Kings 14:23-29, ²³ *In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.* ²⁴ *And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.* ²⁵ *He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who was from Gath Hopher.* ²⁶ *For the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel.* ²⁷ *And the Lord did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.*

²⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did—his might, how he made war, and how he recaptured for Israel, from Damascus and Hamath, what had belonged to Judah—are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ²⁹ So Jeroboam rested with his fathers, the kings of Israel. Then Zechariah his son reigned in his place. (NKJV) We need to notice two verses in this scripture passage. First, notice in verse 24 that he did evil in the eyes of the Lord as his forefather Jeroboam (I), the first. It is this Jeroboam who had taught the tribes of Israel to worship the golden calves that he made for the kingdom of Israel to worship. That was the idolatry that God hated so much and the disobedience that, in part, caused the two kingdoms to divide in the first place. There is a second verse that we need to understand. Look at verse 27 and notice what the verse says. Doesn't it say: *And **the Lord did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.*** At that time God was still sending prophets to encourage His people to confess their sins and repent of their evil wicked ways. God helped Israel at that time through this wicked evil king, Jeroboam II.

It was stated that there were three prophets who prophesied during the time of Jeroboam II: Jonah, Amos and Hosea. Even the New Testament believer may know the story of Jonah and the great fish. The Jonah of the great fish story is the same Jonah as the one mentioned in 2nd Kings 14:25. The importance of Amos is recorded in chapter 7 and is the next item I'd like to address. Let's look at the first 9 verses of Amos chapter 7: ¹ *The Sovereign Lord showed me a vision. I saw him preparing to send a vast swarm of locusts over the land. This was after the king's share had been harvested from the fields and as the main crop was coming up.* ² *In my vision the locusts ate every green plant in sight. Then I said, "O Sovereign Lord, please forgive us or we will not survive, for Israel is so small."* ³ ***So the Lord relented from this plan. "I will not do it," he said.*** ⁴ *Then the Sovereign Lord showed me another vision. I saw him preparing to punish his people with a great fire. The fire had burned up the depths of the sea and was devouring the entire land.* ⁵ *Then I said, "O Sovereign Lord, please stop or we will not survive, for Israel is so small."* ⁶ ***Then the Lord relented from this plan, too. "I will not do that either," said the Sovereign Lord.*** ⁷ *Then he showed me another vision. I saw the Lord standing beside a wall that had been built using a plumb line. He was using a plumb line to see if it was still straight.* ⁸ *And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" I answered, "A plumb line." And the Lord replied, "I will test my people with this plumb line. **I will no longer ignore all their sins.*** ⁹ *The pagan shrines of your ancestors will be ruined, and the temples of Israel will be destroyed; I will bring the dynasty of King Jeroboam to a sudden end." (NLT) Because of slightly different wording I am repeating verse 8: ⁸ *And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said: "Behold, I am setting a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel; **I will not pass by them anymore.*** (NKJV)*

Let's be realistic and truthfully view what Amos 7 is attempting to teach us. First: Jeroboam was an evil and sinful king over Israel just as his predecessors were, but God used Jeroboam to aid Israel and he was the longest reigning king over the northern kingdom. However, during this king's reign, God prepared to bring His wrath against the people of the house of Israel twice, but, due to the intercession by Amos, God relented on these two occasions. But then, God showed Amos another vision concerning the third time God was intending to correct Israel. God set a plumb line to test the people. If they continued on the path they were on with their cheating and idolatry, God was going to bring wrath upon the house of Israel and would not pass by them again.

How does this relate to today you might ask? In many places, the visions that prophets see are dual in their application. One portion would be applicable at the time of the original happening and one portion would be applicable during the end of time sequence. **This is one of those places!** The first event happened at the time of Amos and king Jeroboam. **The second happening will be at the end of time and that is where we are at present.** Consider that the ten northern tribes left Assyria and traveled

west across what is today Europe, instead of going back to the land of the nation of Israel. Wouldn't that make many of the people in Europe and in the United States descendants of the people of Israel? If that is so, actually the Bible would prove this out to be correct, wouldn't Americans, for one, also be labeled as end time Israelis? So, how do you connect the dots between the two events? Let us consider a few more facts.

One of the Presidents of our nation, who went outside the box of diplomatic affairs, was Ronald Reagan who made the statement pertaining to the Berlin Wall. God was ready to correct the United States at that time because of all the changes that were being made in our society. But because of the stand that President Reagan made, God gave America a reprieve. That was the first pass to have us confess our sins and repent!

The second time we reached a point where God was ready to bring His wrath upon the United States was under the Presidency of Donald Trump. In part, we experienced God's wrath through the Covid-19 pandemic. Remember, it was stated at the beginning of Donald Trump's presidency that he was a modern day Cyrus who brought the Abraham Accord to the Middle East, and also moved the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Once again, God backed off with this second pass to encourage us to confess our sins and repent!

Now, let's look carefully at verse 9 of Amos 7. Didn't God set a plumb line to test His people? What is it we can glean from the wisdom and writings of Gerald Flurry and Eric Metaxas? They project that Donald Trump will become the President once again in the election of 2024. Every American can write this down: If God intends for Donald Trump to once again become President, there is no force on Earth, including Satan himself, that can stop that from happening! Why would God do that? It is because Donald Trump would be the prototype of king Jeroboam, who has committed his sins, but would be in the position of President to help America in their greatest time of need. Donald Trump must realize that he, by himself, cannot make America great again. God is the authority that will either bring America back to greatness or take the greatness away because of our many sins. Satanic forces are real and Satan desires to remove the name of Israel from off planet Earth. The greatest representative of who Israel is continues to be America. If we do not confess our sins, change many of our laws back to what the Constitution established and repent of our crooked ways, God has said He will not pass by this way again. This would be the third pass for America. You can believe that God's wrath will come to America this time to fulfill prophecy if we do not repent!

The other side of this coin is that Donald Trump is not reelected and there will be an unknown journey in front of every American. We truly are marching to Hell by our own choice! Look around you at all that is going on in our society. Abortions that have taken millions of innocent babies lives, that's murder; same-sex marriages, God says that is an abomination; fiscal responsibility, over a forty trillion dollar debt, an open border allowing over 200,000 to cross over every month; woke, critical race theory, LBGTQ and BLM issues. All these are stages of anarchy and mob rule. Come on folks, wake-up and change your ways, else, we will all see God's wrath toward America.

Pray, confess your sins, and repent!

Maranatha