

In the Footsteps of Fools

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One does not need to be a rocket scientist to determine that we are living in a very different world as opposed to a mere decade ago. Who could have even imagined, we would go from a society seeking logical and scientific answers concerning the issues of life, to a society that blindly follows every illogical, pseudo-scientific statement or social trend no matter how preposterous! People are condoning behavior formally labeled as abhorrent or outright foolishness, even by comparably uneducated common people in the past! What on Earth is Going On? It is “generally accepted” that as a *civilized society* gains more knowledge and truth, it should become more sophisticated; however, this is not what is happening! People are espousing thoughts, ideas, and beliefs that would have landed them in the “Looney Bin” a few short years ago, insisting these ideas and beliefs are “based on facts;” yet they prove to be totally contrary to the facts! The question once again is, “What on Earth is Going On?” Perhaps it is time to consider that *what we are currently experiencing has its roots in a different realm, perhaps the “Spiritual Realm!”* I sense many readers already thinking, “Here it comes... another Conspiracy Theorist or *Bible Thumper trying to shove the Gospel down my throat!*” However, theory is no longer a theory, if indeed **history and facts** prove otherwise. In today’s world, it is simple for just about anyone to research or to explore history and the facts pursuant to any topic, but it seems that most are simply too lazy to do so! It appears most people choose not to seek truth but rather to “follow the crowd;” they are therefore destined to follow, (in the majority of cases,) “In the Footsteps of Fools.”

In the midst of study, in the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah, I early on began to see the many striking parallels between America and the Ancient Jewish people. It is commonly accepted by “*truthful historians*” that the original settlers of our nation, (The Pilgrims) used Ancient Israel as a model for what would eventually become The United States of America. I am sure there are many people that would challenge that statement these days, especially in light of the fact that the U.S.A. at least in my lifetime, has never been further from historic facts, and truthfulness concerning just about anything one might take into consideration! Nevertheless, the facts, in this case are undeniable, we here in America are indeed following in the footsteps of the Jewish people. After reading the book of Jeremiah for over a month now, I just got to the end of chapter six. If you doubt anything I have eluded to so far, I challenge you to read the just first three chapters of Jeremiah, (they are very short) then tell me if you can or cannot relate what you read with what you see and hear going on around you. Many of you may be familiar with the popular *crowd funded* TV series, “The Chosen.” Although the focus of the series is on the life and ministry of Jesus and His early disciples, it also

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draws attention to the Jewish roots of Christianity. The Jewish people were (and still are) considered to be “God’s chosen people,” a title also attributed to followers of Jesus even to this day. Being considered “God’s chosen” is indeed a great, though *undeserved*, privilege and honor; the chosen having been promised great blessings... *as long as they continue to draw near to God and seek to be obedient to His laws*. Sadly, “disobedience” is the most obvious parallel in exploring the similarities between the U.S.A., and Israel that I have mentioned thus far.

God promised the Jewish people blessings in exchange for their obedience; the same promises apply to Christians. However, God also warned of receiving curses for disobedience; only a fool would choose the way leading to curses, any logical person knows that... right? Nevertheless, disobedience is the path the Jews had taken time after time throughout their history and even today! They were acting like fools in the past, and they are continuing to do so. Likewise, this is also the path chosen by many, it not the majority of Christians, not only here in America, but around the world as well! What path have you chosen? Is it one in obedience to God and His Word, which leads to blessings, or have you chosen the one of disobedience, leading to curses? One way to determine this is to consider your stance on the issues we hear about in the daily news, afterwards, compare your stance to what the Word of God says concerning those issues. In addition, it is advisable to consider the stances of the politicians and even the church leaders you support as well. How do all of them compare to the Word of God? I will provide a few Bible references for comparison; but this time I will not print them out for you. It is time some of you “got off your duff” as they say and started reading what the Bible says for yourself. Start by reading **Romans chapter 1**... it takes about 5 minutes for the average reader (at least from my generation!)

It is time for me to be blunt! Many of the people I send these articles to, or read them on my website www.selahlife.net are my age, (72) or older. The fact is we do not have a lot of time left here on Earth! If you are younger, I challenge you to research how many young people are dying suddenly in recent days. The death rate among young adults has been rising dramatically over the last two years! You may not have a lot of time left on Earth either... you do not know when your “number is up” as they say. For those of you who take the time to read **Romans chapter 1**. After doing so, ask yourself the following question concerning the time you have left on Earth: “Am I going to follow God and His Word, or am I going to follow ***In the Footsteps of Fools?***” This choice we all have to make, and we have to make it while we still have breath, for when you die, where you *reside in eternity* will have already been determined.