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• Israel Faced Numerous Problems Trying To Possess The Promised Land Without Having A Growing And Active Faith.

• They Wanted God’s Blessings – But Not His Lordship

• In America We've Not Been Able To Hold On To That Which We've Been Given.
Judges 2:1-15 (NIV) (1) The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, (2) and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this? (3) Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be [thorns] in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you." (4) When the angel of the LORD had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud, (5) and they called that place Bokim. There they offered sacrifices to the LORD.
• (6) After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to his own inheritance. (7) The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel. (8) Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. (9) And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash
After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.
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• They Were In Great Distress
• They Shunned God And Allowed Evil
• A Generation Grew Up Who Did Not Know God
• They Raised Kids Who Did Not Know What God Had Done For Them
• They Made No Room For God --They Held No Power From God
• We Are Having Issues Today Like Those Experienced By Israel
• **Anytime We Throw Off God His Principles -- The Results Are Predictable -- Distress And Destruction**

• **Psalm 14:1 (NIV)** (1) The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

• **There Is An Absence Of Good In The People Who Throw Off God**
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• It Is Foolish To Say (Or Live Like) There Is No God

• Destruction And Abomination Follows

• We Need to Get back to the Genuine Fear of the Lord in America!

• Proverbs 1:7 (NIV) (7) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
What Happens When People Decide They Don’t Want God?

• Many Want A Total Overhaul Of All That We Stand For

• Any Nation Cannot Address Those Changes In Any Constructive Way Without God & His Truth

• Everything Can Be Gone In An Instant If We Do Not Start Examining Things Thru The Eyes Of Scripture
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We Are In A Time Of Decision Like Never Before

• God Is Saying To His Sleeping Church
  • It Is Time To Wake Up
  • Stop Being Lazy
  • Stop Being Gullible
  • Stop Listening to Lies
  • Get Into The Word Of God And Heed Every Bit Of It
Be “Woke” To Is The Word Of God

James 1:16-17 (NIV) (16) Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. (17) Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

God Has Given Us Everything That Is Good.

We Are Nothing Without Him
• These Who Are Determined To Abuse And Destroy All That Does Not Meet Their Approval -- What Do They Want?

• They Want To Throw Off God

• Jeremiah 8:9 (NIV) (9) The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the LORD, what kind of wisdom do they have?

• They Are Hi-Level Hypocrites

• What They Accuse Everyone Else Of—Is What They Really Are
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• They Want To Throw Off God – A World They Are In Control Of
• They Say: You Don’t Need To Choose -- We Will Do It For You
• They Want Everyone To Have The Same Things --They Destroy Choices – Individuality -- Incentives & Replace It With The Party
• If They Deem Something as Offensive -- It Must Be Removed
• They Do Not Really Care About Their Constituents Because – Individuals Don’t Matter
They Erase History Saying **We Will Live In A Nation Without A Past**

Every Statue We Declare Disqualified-- Must Come Down

“**You Can Wipe Out An Entire Generation, You Can Burn Their Homes To The Ground And Somehow They’ll Still Find Their Way Back. But If You Destroy Their History, You Destroy Their Achievements And It’s As If They Never Existed. That’s What Hitler Wants And That’s Exactly What We Are Fighting Him For.**”

**U.S. SOLDIER WWII**
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• **Where Does It End?** They Come After The Churches, The Stores, The Companies, Theme Parks, Resorts, Beaches & Parks, The Space Center

• **This Will Not Stop Until We Insist That It Stop**

• **This Is Pure Abject Foolishness By Those Who Have Thrown Off God And Are At War Against Him.**
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• Godly Principles Feature The Idea Of Law, Order And Restrained Authority Figures Who Act Within The Confines Of Justice And Liberty.

• This Is The Cornerstone Of Our Nation.

• If One Group Decides They Will Not Abide By The Law – Then Only Destruction Can Follow.
• 2 Peter 2:19 (NIV) (19) They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity--for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. *(YOU CAN’T GIVE SOMETHING YOU DON’T HAVE)*

• *Throwing Off God Is Not Freedom -- It Is Slavery To Sin, Self, & Satan With No Hope Of Resolve*

• 1 Peter 2:16 (NIV) (16) Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.
• Freedom Is What Independence Day Is About

• Not Freedom To Destroy --It is The Freedom To Live & Choose

• The Freedom To Be An Individual Within The Individual Governance Of God-Given Free Will

• Many Young People Don't Realize That They Are Celebrating The Annihilation Of The Freedoms That They Have Taken For Granted
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• *Once The Party Rules Dissent Will Not Be Tolerated*

• *Dissent Will Be Terminated For The Good Of The Party*

• *The Masses Starve For Food, Finances, Freedom & Choices*

• *If We Do Not Value Freedom Someone Will Take It From Us*
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• *When Anyone Throws Off God – And Rejects Jesus As Way, Truth & Life:*
• A Vacuum For Truth Forms
• Truth Becomes Relative Instead Of Absolute
• Insanity, Deception And Delusion Soon Follows

• *Those Who Totally Reject Godly Standards Become Unwitting Participants In Adopting And Promoting Policies That Destroy Divide & Disunify*
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• The Absence Of Good -- Is The Definition Of Evil

• It Goes w/ Marxist Philosophy Which Believes That State Is God

• When You Throw Off God You Throw Off The Beauty Of His Creation
  • The Choices,
  • The Blessings,
  • The Overflow
• What Do We Do? Psalm 11:3 (NIV) (3) When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

• Psalm 11:5-7 (NIV) (5) The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates. (6) On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. (7) For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.
• This Is The Time For America To Turn Back To God

• The Faith Of Our Forefathers Established This Land On The Ideals Of Freedom To Worship, Assemble, & Free Speech.

• If We Lose This -- We Will Go Under.

• The Government Was Established Not To Take These Rights -- But To Secure Them
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“"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. —That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed”

—Declaration of Independence – July 4, 1776

If You Throw Out God -- You Throw Out Truth
If You Throw Out God -- You Throw Out What Is Right
If You Throw Out God – You Throw Out Life & The Value Of Life
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- The Problem Is Sin & Living Without God Godless Corrupt Policies And People In Leadership

- The Solution Is A Decision On The Part Of Americans To Choose To Live Godly In Christ Jesus
• When We Look To The Wrong Source For Our Strength -- God Will Turn Us Over To Our Desires

• Isaiah 30:1 (NIV) (1) "Woe to the obstinate children," declares the LORD, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin;
Isaiah 30:9-15 (NIV) (9) These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD's instruction. 
(10) They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. (11) Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"
Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says: "Because you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit, (13) this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant. (14) It will break in pieces like pottery, shattered so mercilessly that among its pieces not a fragment will be found for taking coals from a hearth or scooping water out of a cistern."
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• There Is A Place To Get Back To --We Can’t Afford To Miss It

• (15) This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

• At This Point In America – Return – Repentance & Restoration From God Our Only Hope
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• The Life Of Righteousness That We Need To Return To:

• (Prov 14:34 NIV) Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

• We Need To Repent And Turn Back To God

• God Does Not Want Our Patronage -- He Demands Obedience

• The Lifestyle Of Righteousness That We Once Knew -- We Need To Return To!
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• We Have Shunned God
• We Have Accepted Ungodly Principles & Teachings
• A Generation Has Grown Up Whom Does Not Know God
• We Have Not Taught And Valued Our History & How God Has Been With Us As A Nation
• Because We've Made No Room For God We Have Lost Much Of Our Power & Resiliency As A Nation
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• We As A Nation **Have Been Cut Away From The Christian Roots That Brought Us So Much Blessing In The Past**
• **We Need To Turn Back To Our Godly Heritage**

• It Is Not Our Navy Or Army That Can Secure Or Save Us
• It Is God Alone Who Is America’s Hope And Salvation
• **He Will Respond To Us If We Respond To Him In Righteousness**
If We As A Nation Neglect God... And His Ordinances
Then We Have For Sure Lost
But -- If We Will Fear – Love -- Serve God -- If We Will Repent Of Wickedness And Turn From Our Evil -- We Cannot Be Defeated
America Needs A Healing, A Restoration, A Revival
It Starts When We As Believers Turn Back To God
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• We As A Nation Must Repent (And Declare)...

• 1. We Will Honor His Laws

• 2. We Will Respect His Name

• 3. We Will Honor His Day

• 4. We Will Respect His House

• 5. We Will Respect Him!
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• When We Do

• 1. We Will Have Less Turmoil And Unrest Within.

• 2. We Will Have More Compassion For Helping Others

• 3. We Will Have And Enjoy A Heightened Sense Of Security.

• 4. We Exchange The Place Of Reproach For A Place Of Righteousness
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• (ISA 30:15) This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

• Repentance – Rest – Quietness – Trust – Salvation & Strength – Can’t Live W/O It!