



IS AMERICA IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY

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INTRODUCTION

After World War II, the United States of America (hereinafter known as America) had just soundly defeated the nations of Germany and Japan and quickly became recognized as a nation of power and industrial might. Since that time, America has risen to a nation of unrivaled global power and influence, exceeding all previous dynasties such as the Egyptians, Greeks, Medes-Persians, Romans, and the British Empire. Today, America still ranks as the dominant global economic and military superpower.¹ Without question, America has become a defender of freedom around the world, used its military to defend its multiple allies, oppose expansionist ambitions of its enemies, and excelled in space exploration.

However, the foundation and resultant uniqueness of this nation was not originally founded on a cornerstone of economic and military strength but from founders who embodied the truths of the scriptures that clearly guided the formulation of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution. Although there are various viewpoints on the religious composition of the original founders, the vast majority of the 55 members of the Constitutional Convention were affiliated with the major Christian churches of their day (and would have probably considered themselves Christian). Yet, the number of them that fully accepted the major tenets of the Christian faith is uncertain. A careful reading of many of the Founders' public and private communications demonstrates they had the following in common; (1) belief in a personal God, (2) familiarity with the Bible, and (3) belief in prayer. But

acknowledgement of Christ as their personal Savior and acceptance of the other commonly held Christian beliefs is less discernible.²

Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that the popular phrase "*America is a Christian Nation*" was not supported in writing by all of America's founders. Begun by George Washington, signed by John Adams and ratified unanimously by a Senate still half-filled with signers of the Constitution, this treaty announced firmly and flatly to the world that "*the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion.*"³ However, this governmental viewpoint changed February 29, 1892, when The Supreme Court declared (*Holy Trinity v. United States*) that the historical record of America overwhelmingly demonstrated that America "*is a Christian nation.*" Writing for a unanimous Court, Justice David Brewer presented many pieces of evidence in support of this momentous decision.⁴ Today, thousands of pieces of evidence exist that demonstrate America was founded as a Christian nation, and *Holy Trinity v. United States* is only one of the many pieces of that montage.

Even though the phrase "*America Is A Christian Nation*" may be debatable, it is a fact that America has been blessed beyond any previous nation. As a simple example, American geography highlights the placement and resources of this nation compared to other countries. The Greater Mississippi Basin together with the Intracoastal Waterway has more kilometers of navigable internal waterways than the rest of the world combined. The American Midwest is both overlaid by this waterway, and is the world's largest contiguous piece of farmland. The American Atlantic Coast possesses more major ports than the rest of the Western Hemisphere combined. Two vast oceans insulate America from Asian and European powers, deserts separate America from Mexico to the south, while lakes and forests separate the population centers in Canada from those in America.

Additionally, America has capital, food surpluses and physical insulation in excess of every other country in the world by an exceedingly large margin. As a result, America is a very powerful nation with abundant fertile land, a good climate and laws that allow for creativity, investment, hard work and the ability to enjoy the fruits of one's labor.⁵ Additionally, it is a fact that Christian principles has made America stand above all other nations and has resulted in the common reference to America as exceptional (or American Exceptionalism).⁶ The foundational principle of a nation originally using biblical principles is summarized in Psalm 33:12 – "*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for his own inheritance.*"

Interestingly, a modern perception by some is that America is too robust and durable to fall from its current position of the world leader. However, Webster's New World Dictionary defines history as – "*an account of what has happened,*" and "*all recorded past events.*" When these definitions are applied to a past history of the world, we find that all previous civilizations were not immune to an unexpected demise. As an example, according to Greek and Roman Antiquities Professor Alexander Fraser Tytler, University of Edinburgh, the average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. As an example, consider the lifespan of three great world civilizations:

- Babylonians – Less than 100 years
- Medes and Persians – About 200 years
- Greece – About 300 years

With the preceding thoughts in mind, particularly the average history of previous great civilizations, a key consideration should be – "*will America be a part of biblical prophetic events and/or play any future role in global history.*" Let's take a closer look at biblical prophecy and see if Scripture records America in any facet of Bible prophecy.

BIBLICAL PROPHECY

Even though no nation is invincible and unassailable, it is not easy to recognize or admit that it is unlikely that America will not last forever in its current form as the sole world superpower and/or will continue to offer its present level of security and benefits to its inhabitants. This fact has clearly become obvious as America has lost a measurable amount of credibility in the past several years and China, Russia, North Korea and Iran are co-strengthening their ties and challenging America in ways that were unfamiliar just several years ago. Unfortunately, when searching biblical scriptures, one cannot find America *specifically listed* with other nations that participate in future prophetic events such as the Gog/Magog war (Ezekiel 38-39) and the Armageddon war (Revelation 16). As a result, it is somewhat surprising – and disappointing – that the greatest nation in the history of this earth that has been blessed by God is not clearly mentioned in Bible prophecy, yet other nations are the focus of biblical prophecy.⁷

However, in view of the past history of civilizations and the present declining moral and financial condition of America, is it possible that modern America is currently at the pinnacle of its power before beginning a precipitous reduction of global influence, or, is America already showing signs of an increasing slide toward mediocrity? Any truthful examination of current moral and political ethical conditions would likely constitute enough evidence to justify a judgment

of God on America. Sadly, this perspective raises a substantial question – “*why has divine judgment been withheld from a nation that has enjoyed the blessings of God – and to a large degree – has also turned its back on God?*” Thankfully, it is possible that America is still receiving Godly favor for two fundamental reasons:

- America has been a primary source of Christian influence in the world (global evangelism). From a biblical perspective, the Good News must reach a global audience before the return of Christ as found in Matthew 24:14 – “*and this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come*”
- For the most part, America’s support of Israel (that has varied depending on various political administrations). Remember that God pledged in the Abrahamic promise in Genesis 12:3 – “*I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you*”

As the future condition of America can be historically viewed as uncertain, it is clear that when looking for America in Scripture, America (or the United States) is never *explicitly* mentioned in the Bible, and there are no biblical prophecies that point with certainty to America. As a result, one of the hardest things for American prophecy students to accept is that America is not clearly mentioned in Bible prophecy, yet America is the only superpower in the world today. Since many Christians believe that we are near the end of the age, it is hard to envision a prophetic scenario which excludes America, the world’s most influential nation, yet, other nations are the focus of biblical prophecy.

Without a doubt, biblical prophecy has been a popular subject dating back to the popular 1970’s book by Hal Lindsey, *The Late, Great, Planet Earth*, and continuing up to the present. As a result, Christian bookstores carry numerous books on this subject in addition to a measurable amount of emphasis among speakers and authors that focus on biblical prophecy with an increasing emphasis as current global conditions continue to worsen. Among many Bible scholars and students of Bible prophecy, there are two popular perspectives that America is either (1) not specifically mentioned or (2) mentioned indirectly in biblical Scripture. Let’s take a closer look at each in detail.

NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED

While the Bible does mention numerous nations in biblical prophecies, either specifically by name, such as Israel or names that were common when the applicable scriptures were written, such as Rosh (Russia), Persia (Iran), Cush (Ethiopia), Put (Libya), Tubal (Turkey), and Magog (Central Asia), America (or the United States) is not mentioned. This fact can be a result of multiple perspectives:

- End times prophecy is predominantly concerned with Israel and its immediate neighbors so it may be possible that other geographic regions are not a focal point in biblical prophecy. As an example, all of the Americas are not mentioned (countries within North America, Caribbean, Central America, and South America)
- During the end times, America may not be a nation that is capable of being mentioned with other nations that will be at the forefront of end time's prophecy. Remember that because the modern nation of America was unknown to biblical prophets/authors has no bearing on its absence in Bible prophecy as biblical Scripture is inerrant
- It is possible that in the end times, America has ceased to exist altogether
- America is simply one of the other nations of the world that reject God in the end times (Revelation 10:11, 11:18, 12:5, 14:8, 15:4, 16:19, 17:15, 18:3,23, and 19:15)
- America has historically been one of Israel's most faithful allies. God's promise to Abraham that is found in Genesis 12:3a states – *"I will bless those who bless you,"* and has resulted in America's success. However, if America turns its back on Israel, it will lose God's favor as stated in Genesis 12:3b – *"Whoever curses you I will curse"*
- The book of Revelation does not mention any countries or nations other than Israel (Revelation 7:4, 21:12) and Babylon (Revelation 14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:2, 10:21). Babylon in Revelation is most likely a symbolic reference to the Antichrist's evil kingdom⁸

MENTIONED INDIRECTLY

Although the Old and New Testament in the Bible does not directly mention America either by direct reference or specifically by name, there are some scholars and authors that believe America is *indirectly* described in biblical prophecy. The following are some of the more common viewpoints, most of which require imaginative exegesis and/or inventive interpretations:

- Great nation divided by rivers:⁹
Some believe that America is the fulfillment of Isaiah 18:1-7 as this passage talks about a nation that is feared due to its military might/conquests and is a land divided by a river (verses 2&7) that is believed to be the Mississippi River. The primary problem with this view is that the referenced nation is identified as Ethiopia or Cush in verses 1&2
- Similar to Babylon:¹⁰
The viewpoint that there is a similarity between the Babylon of Revelation 17-18 and America/New York City is that both are extremely rich, immoral, rests assured in the belief of invulnerability, and is a dominant world power. Taken

in its proper context, Revelation 17 actually refers to Mystery Babylon (biblical symbol for false religion), and Revelation 18 is referring to the actual City of Babylon. Therefore, many Bible scholars believe the parallels of Babylon in Revelation and modern America is inserting a preconceived viewpoint into these passages

- A great eagle:¹¹

There is a perception that the great eagle mentioned in Revelation 12:13-14 is the prominent national symbol of America. However, a quick review of Exodus 19:4 and Deuteronomy 32:9-12 indicates that the term eagle is a graphic depiction of God's providential protection of Israel. Wings in the aforementioned verses speak of protection, not America

- One of the nations:¹²

The term "*the nations*" are mentioned as participating in the end time's war and may apply to the participation of America with other nations. These references can be found in Isaiah 66:18-20, Isaiah 34:2-3, Haggai 2:6-7, Zechariah 12:2-3, Joel 3:2, Revelation 20:7-8. The end times war occurs at the end of the thousand-year Millennium and is specifically described in Revelation 20:7-8 – "*Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.*" Although these passages list all nations that are in the four corners of the earth, America may or may not be a representative nation at that time

- Merchants of Tarshish:^{13,14}

The account of Sheba and Dedan and the Merchants of Tarshish that is found in the Ezekiel 38-39 war of Gog and Magog speaks of their invasion of Israel and was written over twenty-five hundred years ago. This is likely the most popular and recited portion of Scripture that is used to justify the potential presence of America in Bible prophecy. In the Ezekiel account, specific nations are listed that will form an alliance that is led by the leader of Russia to advance on Israel, take the land and kill its Jewish inhabitants. Not surprisingly, virtually all of the aforementioned nations are either Islamic or pro-Islamic and exist on the world scene today:

Note: It must be stated that there is some debate regarding the definition of some of the following nations, and most importantly, the definition of Tarshish.¹⁵

- Gog (this name is the exception to the listed nations and represents a leader, likely of Russia)
- Magog (Central Asia consisting of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and possibly Afghanistan)
- Rosh (Russia)

- Mesech and Tubal (portions of Turkey)
- Persia (Iran)
- Cush (Ethiopia/Sudan)
- Put (Libya and possibly Algeria and Tunisia)
- Gomer (Turkey)
- Beth-Togarmah (Turkey and Armenia)

Following this list of nations, there are three additional locations by the name of *"Sheba, Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish with all its young warriors"* that are mentioned in Ezekiel 38:13 – *"Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?"* A noteworthy number of proponents of the *America in this prophecy* view believe the following:¹⁶

- *Sheba and Dedan* are relatively easy to identify as they were ancient names for the lands that are now known as Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, and the Gulf States
- It is alleged that the best translation of *"the merchants of Tarshish"* seems to be a colony of Phoenicians located in modern Spain. More recently, this phrase could apply to Spain, Holland, and Britain. However, notice that Ezekiel also refers to *"and all her young lions"*
- It is argued that Scripture associates Tarshish with the West and England is another location known as Tarshish. Therefore, the *young lions* of Tarshish could be a reference to the colonies that emerged from Europe, including America. However, if Tarshish was in England, then the *"young lions thereof"* could be a reference to America, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. Interestingly, the symbol on the English flag is a lion

THE RESTRUCTURING OF AMERICA

If history indicates the average lifespan of recent civilizations is about 200 years and we have previously discussed that America is not specifically mentioned in Bible prophecy, can the future status of America as a continued global superpower be perceived as ambiguous, tentative, and/or uncertain? If so, then what conditions, environments, or circumstances could restructure America into a minor, inconsequential, or even an absent nation in global events?

As a starting point, in 1887, Alexander Tytler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior:¹⁷

“A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse over loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a Dictatorship.

The average age of the world’s greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

- *From bondage to spiritual faith*
- *From spiritual faith to great courage*
- *From courage to liberty*
- *From liberty to abundance*
- *From abundance to complacency*
- *From complacency to apathy*
- *From apathy to dependence*
- *From dependence back into bondage”*

Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law, in St. Paul, Minnesota, believes America is now somewhere between the “*complacency and apathy*” phase of Professor Tytler’s definition of Democracy with about 40-percent of the nation’s population already having reached the “*governmental dependency*” phase (current statistics indicate this percentage is much closer to 50-percent).

When comparing the America of yesterday to the America of today, it readily becomes obvious that although the current American military is the most powerful and advanced military in the world and can protect this nation from an *external* attack, there are multiple *internal* elements that are negatively influencing the moral and economic health of America. To enhance a perspective on the future potential direction of America, let’s begin by looking (in no particular order) at five primary factors that are dramatically and collectively restructuring America – (1) Abortion/Murder, (2) Open Rejection of God, (3) National Debt (4) External Concerns, and lastly, we will consider a fifth element from biblical prophecy that ***will*** significantly restructure America – (5) the Rapture.

*Note: Before we continue with considering the **current** Restructuring of America, it should be noted that this does not supersede the ability of a revival to change the direction of America as confirmed in 2 Chronicles 7:14 – “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.”*

ABORTION/MURDER

The massive murder of infants from abortion is a biblical and secular stain on the heart of this nation. Since the 1973 Supreme Court case of *Roe v. Wade*, over 63 million abortions have been performed in America from 1973 to 2021.¹⁸ According to the American Family Association, that equates to about 3,315 human beings that lose their life every day in America due to abortion in addition to 3 out of 10 women in America that will have an abortion by the time they are 45. Unfortunately, these figures have become so repetitive that they have become meaningless to the point that it is common for politicians (including the President) to endorse the pro-choice position and be elected by approving Americans. Regardless of race, income, or level of education of any woman who has had an abortion, it is a medical fact that there are psychological scars that remain long after the procedure that has negatively affected millions of American women and related families.

The Greek word *brephos* is used in the Bible to refer to both an unborn child and an infant.¹⁹ By the time a baby is conceived, he or she is recognized by God as a human being (Jeremiah 1:5 – “*before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou came forth out of the womb I sanctified thee*”). Consequently, the Sixth Commandment of the Bible as found in Exodus 20:13 states – “*thou shall not kill*” applies to all human beings, including unborn babies. Additionally, remember that unborn babies are considered human beings by the American government (i.e., Federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act, Public Law 108-212, 2004).

From a biblical perspective, the 1973 legalization of abortion in America was a direct violation of the biblical Sixth Commandment. From a secular viewpoint, the legalization of abortion in America is a direct violation of the American government definition of a human being. Since 1973, the right to life has not been considered an inalienable right given by God but a subjective right determined by the Supreme Court. The end result is that God does not honor the American abortion perspective as stated in Proverbs 6:16-17 – “*This does the Lord hate....hands that shed innocent blood.*”

*Note: Although the Supreme Court overruled *Roe* in *Dobbs v. Jackson* in June 2022, abortion is still being advocated and practiced in some parts of America in addition to pro-abortion public opinion in many areas of America. Additionally, on January 3, 2023, the Food and Drug Administration finalized a rule change that broadens availability of abortion pills to mail order companies and many more pharmacies, including large chain stores.*²⁰

OPEN REJECTION OF GOD

Currently, it is easy to imagine that some people will openly and aggressively reject God. Remember that many similar words can be substituted for the word *reject* such as discard, disgust, throwaway, castoff, and distaste. Unfortunately, it is a fact that a growing number of politicians and people in America have openly – and some aggressively – rejected God. This should be a troublesome perspective for America when God clearly states in Jeremiah 1:16 – *“I will pronounce my judgments on my people because of their wickedness in forsaking me.”*

Let’s summarize some primary examples of the current American rejection of God:

- On June 17, 1963, the Supreme Court ruled that reading the Bible and prayer in public schools was forbidden even though they had been included in America’s schools since the founding of this country. Additionally, by the 1990’s, the deceiving viewpoint of *“separation of church and state”* had successfully removed God from public schools and many governmental institutions. It has been said that the four greatest problems in schools during 1963 were noise, talking, chewing gum, and trivial pranks. Not surprisingly, by the 1990’s some of the greatest problems in schools were assault, rape, drugs, robbery, promiscuity, pornography, and SAT scores plummeting downward. Recently, school shootings have become much more common since the 1999 Columbine Colorado school massacre
- The phrase *“America vs. the Ten Commandments”* summarizes the on-going effort to remove the Ten Commandments, Nativity Scenes, and Christmas Carols in schools, courthouses, and other public places and has been partly responsible for the deepening anti-God secularization of America. It seems ironic that the biblical Ten Commandments that have served as the basis of civil law in the Western World for over 2,000 years should now be the center of a national legal battle! Interestingly, John Quincy Adams, the 6th President of America stated the following – *“The law given from Sinai was a civil and municipal, as well as a moral and religious code....laws essential to the existence of men in society and most of which have been enacted by every nation which ever professed a code of laws.”*

Previous American generations have never questioned the legality, reliance, display, and use of the Ten Commandments that is comprised of five primary attributes:

- Authorship by God (Exodus 32:16)
- Eternal (Psalm 89:34)
- Perfect (Psalm 19)

- Consequences (Isaiah 13:9)
- Responsibility (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

However, when comparing the five primary attributes of the Ten Commandments, particularly “*Responsibility*” (Ecclesiastes 12:13 – “*Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man*”) to the eroding American moral values of today, it is easy to see why there is a strong continued effort to remove the Ten Commandments from public view. The public display of the Ten Commandments was first questioned in 1980 in *Stone v. Graham* when some parents challenged a Kentucky state law that required posting a copy of the Ten Commandments in each public-school room. By a 5-4 decision, the American Supreme Court ruled that the Kentucky law violated the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. Since that time, the movement to remove the Ten Commandments from public view has accelerated from activist legal groups and applied to various venues such as the Oklahoma State Capitol, Bloomfield New Mexico City Hall, Alabama State Judicial building, and others

- Conflicts and objections, often through legal action over the display of Nativity scenes on public properties and the singing of religious Christmas Carols in public places also continues to garner objections from American atheistic organizations, the ACLU, and the Freedom from Religion Foundation. As a result, Nativity scenes and Christmas Carols are rapidly disappearing from the American culture and contributing toward the demise of America’s Christian heritage. It should come as no surprise that America is becoming increasingly violent as evidenced by random mass shootings (schools, malls, etc.), bombings (Oklahoma City, Wall Street, Centennial Olympic Park, Boston Marathon, etc.), and an increasing frequency of public safety officer shootings
- A clear unapologetic example of rejecting God was publicly exhibited during the 2008 and 2012 National Democratic Party Convention platform approval process. In the platform, the affirmation of open sex, government provided contraception (i.e., Sandra Fluke during the 2012 convention), approval of abortion (murder), and the removal of God from the platform have characterized the current Democratic Party as the “*anti-God*”²¹ party in addition to affirming the sins of Romans 1:21-32 (see next section). Romans 1:21-32 specifically describes *five* national consequences for *continually* rejecting God that are directly applicable to modern America. In preparation to considering this portion of Scripture, let’s first look at Romans 1:18-20 for a foundational starting point – (18) “*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,* (19) *because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to*

them. (20) *For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.*" These three verses state:

- Unrighteousness: *A result of ungodliness; a lack of conformity in thought, word and deed to the character and law of God*
- Suppress the truth: *Mankind chooses to resist and oppose God's truth by holding fast to their sin*
- What may be known of God is manifest in them: *Mankind has knowledge of the truth*
- God has shown it to them: *God has shown the truth*
- So that they are without excuse: *Mankind (and America) is without excuse*

Now, let's look at the five national consequences for rejecting God as outlined in Romans 1:21-32:

FIRST CONSEQUENCE

A God Rejecting Nation Becomes A Nation Of Fools

Verses 21-22:

(21) *"Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and they're foolish hearts were darkened. (22) Professing to be wise, they became fools"*

SUMMARY

- Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened:
 - *Although mankind knew God, they became fools. When mankind intentionally rejects the truth, the darkness of spiritual falsehood replaces it*
- Professing to be wise, they became fools:
 - *Although unrighteous mankind believes they are intelligent, they are fools (rejection of Scripture, the biblical Genesis account of creation, etc.)*

SECOND CONSEQUENCE

A God Rejecting Nation Accepts Secular Spirituality

Verses 24-25:

(24) *"Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, (25) who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever"*

SUMMARY

- God also gave them up:
 - *This is a judicial term that is used for handing over a prisoner to his sentence as God removes his restraint and allows their sin to run its course*
- Uncleaness:
 - *Often used for decaying matter. Here, it speaks of sexual immorality that begins in the heart and moves to the body*
- The lusts of their hearts:
 - *In this context, this refers to sexual sin and indicates the first step is pornography and an obsession with sex. The sexual revolution (sexual liberation) generally began in this country during the 60's and 70's and included increased acceptance of sex outside of traditional marriage, contraception and the pill, public nudity, normalization of pornography, free love, homosexuality (and other alternative forms of sexuality) – all of which were (and are) willingly highlighted by the media and Hollywood. Not surprisingly, all forms of deviant sexuality are now the public normal*
- Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie:
 - *A denial of the existence of God and his right to be obeyed and worshiped and accepting false replacements (radical environmentalism, global warming, mysticism, humanism, naturalism, various cults, Darwinism, and so on.....)*

THIRD CONSEQUENCE

A God Rejecting Nation Accepts Homosexuality As Normal

Verses 26-27:

(26) *"For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. (27) Likewise, also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due"*

SUMMARY

- God gave them up:
 - *See previous comments on verses 24-25*
- Vile passions:
 - *Homosexuality (man or woman). During the 70's and 80's, the homosexual revolution quickly followed the sexual liberation movement with a growing mainstream acceptance of LGBT ideology, other deviant forms of sexuality, Queer Theology and the Emergent Church*
- Women:
 - *Women are mentioned first to illustrate the extent of homosexual depravity. Normally, women are the last to participate in moral collapse*

- Men:
 - *Describes male homosexuality even to the point of burning with lust for other Men*
- Deviant sexual behavior:
 - *As homosexuality has become the normal, deviant forms of sexuality, such as transgender (transsexual), gender reversal, and other forms of sexuality that violate the biblical account of Gods design and plan for male and female*
- Receiving in themselves the penalty:
 - *This phrase centers on the law of sowing and reaping (Gal. 6:7-8) evidenced by the disease of HIV/AIDS*

FOURTH CONSEQUENCE

A God Rejecting Nation Becomes Corrupted And Violent

Verses 28-31:

(28) "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting. (29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, (30) backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, (31) undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful"

SUMMARY

- God gave them over:
 - *See previous comments in Second Consequence (verse 24)*
- Debased:
 - *In the Greek, this is translated as discarded as a result of too much impurity; worthless and useless*
- To do those things which are not fitting:
 - *America is becoming a nation where the previous "unthinkable" is becoming more mainstream. Several examples are LGBT Pride Month (typically June), dedicated to celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender pride, deviant sexual behavior, public murder, open attacks against God, etc.*

FIFTH CONSEQUENCE

A God Rejecting Nation Refuses The Truth And Approves Of

Unrighteousness

Verse 32:

(32) who, knowing the unrighteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them"

SUMMARY

- Knowing:
 - *Not ignorance but blatant rebellion*
- But also approve of those who practice them:
 - *Become accomplices by willingly approving of the unrighteousness that is listed in verses 29-30. The following are three recent examples:*
 - (1) *President Bill Clinton's approval ratings increased after the 1998 Monica Lewinsky scandal (he is still revered as a political leader)*
 - (2) *Hollywood and the public at large enthusiastically endorsing the Ellen DeGeneres show and other shows with effeminate hosts/actors*
 - (3) *The May 2014 Presidential Proclamation for LGBT Pride Month for June 2014*

THE NATIONAL DEBT

When considering the multi-faceted issue of the national debt and its impact on America, it is necessary to consider three primary perspectives that consist of America's existing Welfare State, America's Debt, and the American Dollar. Let's look at each one in detail.

Welfare State

Wikipedia defines Welfare as – *“or commonly social welfare, is a type of government support intended to ensure that members of a society can meet basic human needs such as food and shelter.”*²² Wikipedia also defines Welfare State as – *“a welfare state is a form of government in which the state (or a well-established network of social institutions) protects and promotes the economic and social well-being of its citizens, based upon the principles of equal-opportunity, equitable distribution of wealth, and public responsibility for citizens unable to avail themselves of the minimal provisions for a good life.”*²³ Welfare subsidies in America can also be referred to as Social Programs designed to aid the needs of the American population. The term *“American Welfare”* does not begin to describe the totality of resources that are used to aid the needy. As an example, in fiscal year 2022, the federal government spent 1.19-trillion dollars on more than 80 different welfare programs representing almost 20-percent of total federal spending and a quarter of tax revenues in 2022, or 9,000-dollars spent per American household.²⁴ Interestingly, the total of the welfare budgets is larger than the entire budgets of most every other country in the world. As an example, and *not* counting Social Security and Medicare, State and Federal governments now spend over a trillion dollars a year on welfare programs.

The war on poverty began in 1965/66 under President Lyndon Johnson and over the past 60 years has cost American taxpayers over 22-trillion dollars. Adjusted for inflation, this spending is three times the cost of all American military wars since the American Revolution. Yet, according to the American Census

Bureau, the war against poverty has been minimal. Some examples are highlighted by the following statistics:^{25,26}

- According to the most recent numbers from the Census Bureau, 49-percent of Americans are receiving benefits from at least one government program every single month
- More than one out of every three Americans live in households that are now on welfare
- 10.5 million households receive welfare benefits from three or more programs
- Welfare is rising even as unemployment declines
- With Medicare and Social Security, over 49.5-percent of the American population are living in households now dependent on government for a significant portion of their income
- Over the past 6 years, SNAP (food stamps) and TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) or SSI (Supplemental Security Income for the Disabled) has increased 36-percent
- Food stamp recipients have increased from 19 million to 51 million – more than the combined population of 24 states
- Half of all children born today will be on food stamps at some point in their life
- Although there are multiple governmental administrations/organizations that are attempting to service homelessness, substance abuse and mental health concerns, a quick look at the growing budgets of just HUD Exchange (61.8-billion dollars for 2023)²⁷ and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (10.8-billion dollars for 2021)²⁸ indicates this is a downward slope for a growing national problem. These figures do not take into account the money being spent for services for the illegal invasion across the American border problem

When applied to the financial health of this country, the preceding statistics are reason for grave concern for two primary reasons:

- The more people who become dependent on government programs and assistance, the more difficult it will become to reduce and/or eliminate those programs. As an example, despite the fact that welfare states in European countries have become too expensive, attempts to reduce benefits has met with enormous resistance. Therefore, the number of people on some type of welfare will continue to increase
- A healthy/strong economy cannot rest on a consistent decline of people who produce the foundation of this nation's wealth. From another perspective, America's wealth is steadily being decreased

To conclude our look at the American Welfare State, let's briefly consider an article that appeared on the Opinion page of the January 22, 2015 issue of the Medford Mail Tribune newspaper. The article was authored by George Will, Opinion writer for the Washington Post and was titled *"The Harm incurred by a Mushrooming Welfare State,"* and was taken from an article originally authored by Nicholas Eberstadt of National Affairs Quarterly. Following are several quotes from the article that should be of great concern to America:

"The structure of U.S. government spending has been completely overturned within living memory, resulting in the remolding of daily life for ordinary Americans under the shadow of the entitlement state. In two generations, the American family budget has been recast: In 1963, entitlement transfers were less than \$1 out of every \$15; by 2012, they were more than \$1 out of every \$6

For many women, children and even working-age men, the entitlement state is now the breadwinner of the household. In the last 50 years the fraction of civilian men ages 25 to 34 who were neither working nor looking for work approximately quadrupled

*As a growing portion of the population succumbs to the entitlement state's ever-expanding menu of temptations, the costs include a transformation of the nation's political culture, sensibilities, tradition, the weakening of America's distinctive conceptions of self-reliance, personal responsibility, self-advancement, and perhaps a rending of the national fabric"*²⁹

Debt

It is not surprising that the national debt has exploded in recent years and is still currently expanding at a rapid rate. As a result, America has the largest debt burden in the world today at about 31.09-trillion dollars, or a debt-to-GDP (gross domestic product is defined as – *"the monetary value of all finished goods and services produced within a country's borders"*) ratio of 122.8-percent (countries whose debt-to-GDP ratios exceed 77-percent for prolonged periods experience significant slowdowns in economic growth).^{30,31} From a simplistic perspective, this debt burden is a result of a federal government that *spends more than it collects*, which results in a deficit. This deficit is added to the national debt that results in an expansion of the national debt, a simple result of overspending. Therefore, as the government continues to overspend, the national debt continues to rise. Unfortunately, the term *"national debt"* and sums incorporating a trillion or trillions of dollars are used so frequently they have become mundane with little meaning. Therefore, let's attempt to put our national debt into perspective and see how we arrived at our current debt dilemma that continues to expand.

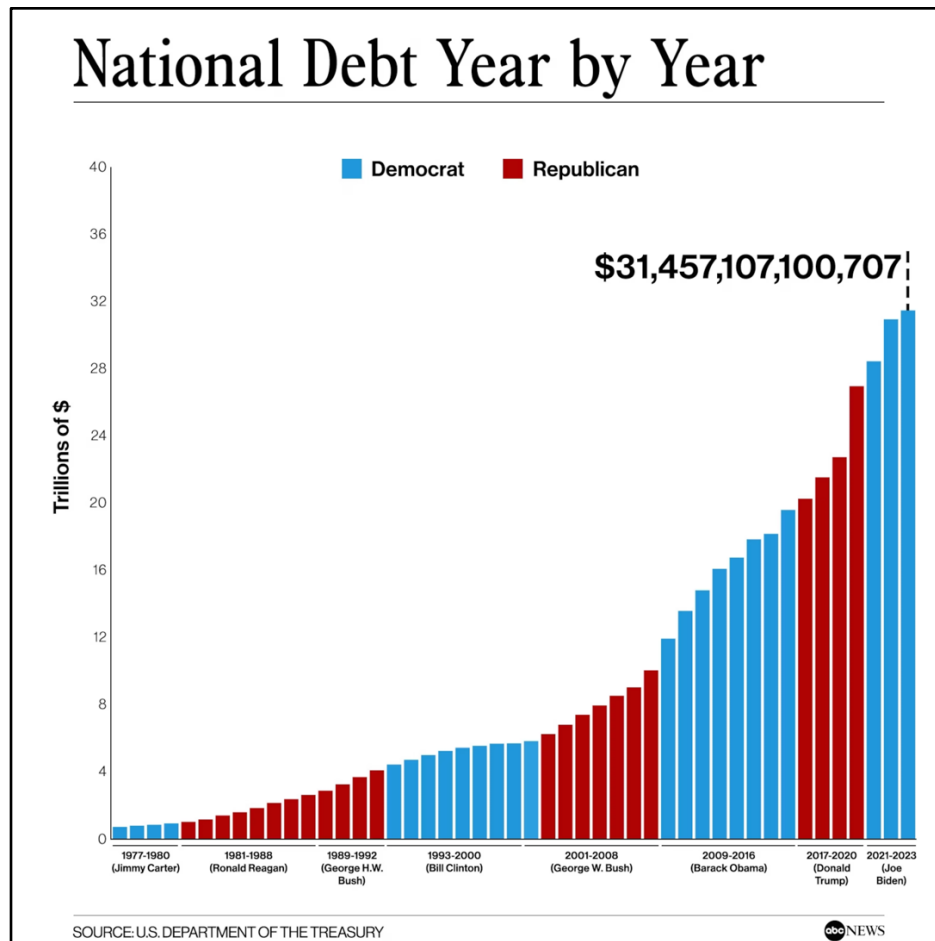


Figure 1. National Debt Year by Year (1977-2023)

Initially, how did America's debt become so large? History indicates that prior to 1974 the percentage change in America's debt was in the single digit range (as an example, 1966-1973 was 5.1-percent). However, as evidenced by Figure 1, the national debt has steadily increased to over 31-trillion dollars (some sources state the national debt is 33.09-trillion dollars). Regardless of what political party was most responsible for the current debt, it nevertheless still stands on its own merit of a clear example of governmental overspending that is detrimental to America. There are three primary reasons why the national debt began to dramatically increase after the early 1970's:

- The decision by President Nixon in 1971 to detach the American dollar from the gold standard, was known as the Nixon Shock. In response to Nixon Shock, President Nixon publicly stated his intention to resume direct convertibility of the dollar but reforms to the Bretton Woods system were unsuccessful (see the following section under The American Dollar). By 1973 the Bretton Woods system was replaced *de facto* by a system that was based on freely floating fiat currencies that remains in place to this day. Consequently, the amount of

money that could be printed was no longer limited resulting in a nation with a *fiat* currency (government issued currency that is not backed by a physical commodity, such as gold or silver). This meant that the gold that had previously backed the dollar was replaced by the good faith and credit of America's government. Because the dollar was no longer redeemable for gold, the government was now able to *overspend* as long as the national debt limit was not exceeded

- In the absence of an equal amount of gold to dollars, the need to closely monitor the national budget was no longer a priority, the national debt ceiling could be steadily raised to stay ahead of the increasing national debt, and congressional bills habitually contained pet projects, entitlements, line items and other similar additions (pork) that enhanced the probability of reelection for members of Congress. Not surprisingly, the economic boom from 1982 until 2008 was disrupted by the collapse of the housing market and stock market that was primarily a result of America's massive debt. Since 2008, the national debt has exceeded 1-trillion dollars per year
- The previously mentioned 31/33.09-trillion dollar national debt is only a part of the true national overall debt picture. The far greater fiscal challenge is America's unfunded liabilities that typically are not reported. For years, the American government has not produced the type of financial statements that are required of most significant for-profit and non-profit enterprises. Although the American Treasury balance sheet does list numerous liabilities, it does not list unfunded liabilities such as Social Security and Medicare. Over the next 75 years, American taxpayers face a nearly 80-trillion-dollar debt in long-term unfunded obligations. What's more, 95-percent of this unfunded obligation is driven by only two federal government programs, Medicare and Social Security. However, according to Chicago-based Truth in Accounting,³² the American national debt is closer to 123-trillion dollars, more than four times what the Treasury Department is reporting. The federal government has 5.95-trillion dollars in assets and 123-trillion dollars of bills resulting in a 123-trillion-dollar shortfall, or a debt burden of 796,000-dollars per American household. Because of this massive amount of debt and repeatedly poor financial decisions made by lawmakers, Truth in Accounting gave the American government an "F" grade for its financial condition
- Even though the current *true national debt* is over 33.09-trillion dollars plus 80-trillion dollars of unfunded liability, the debt will continue to rise due to demographics and increased entitlement spending. As more retirees receive Medicare and Social Security and entitlements continue to increase (welfare, etc.), higher deficits will be the norm as the national debt continues to increase to unsustainable levels. Obviously, the current fiscal policy of the American

government cannot possibly be sustained much longer as just the unfunded liabilities are catastrophic for future taxpayers and economic growth. As an example, Social Security is projected to be insolvent by 2033

- Two months after the federal government narrowly avoided defaulting on its debt amid a highly partisan conflict in Congress (8-1-2023), an unfavorable review of that drama is in. Credit rating agency Fitch Ratings has lowered its grade on the government's debt from AAA to AA+ and says that it *"expects fiscal deterioration over the next 3 years."* Besides a gloomy view of the near future, Institutional Portfolio Manager Lars Schuster says that Fitch's action also *"reflects its view that governance on fiscal and debt matters has steadily deteriorated over the last couple of decades."* The downgrade moves America out of the group of countries which hold the world's highest credit ratings from Fitch which is one of 3 firms that evaluate the ability of governments and companies to pay back interest and principal to investors who lend them money by buying the bonds they issue.

This is the second time the American government's debt has been downgraded. The first downgrade took place in 2011, when credit rating agency Standard & Poor's cut the American credit rating from AAA to AA+ following a rancorous debate in Congress over the size of the debt. At the time, Standard & Poor's cited the growing deficit and the prolonged debate as reasons for the downgrade, much as Fitch has done 12 years later. The fact that the federal government has suffered a second debt downgrade 12 years after the first one suggests that Washington's lack of resolve to meaningfully cut spending is an ongoing concern for America, ratings agencies and investors alike

The American Dollar

In 1944, America signed the Bretton Woods agreement that specified the conditions for America to exchange American dollars for gold at a fixed rate of 35-dollars per ounce. As a result, currencies of participant nations were linked to the American dollar and central banks would buy or sell American dollars to keep their currency within a permitted fluctuation band. Thus, the American dollar became the world's official reserve currency. However, in 1971, concerned that American gold was no longer adequate to cover the number of dollars in circulation, President Richard Nixon devalued the American dollar relative to gold. After a run on the gold reserve, he declared a temporary suspension of the dollar's convertibility into gold. By 1973 the Bretton Woods System had collapsed. Countries were then free to choose any exchange arrangement for their currency, except pegging its value to the price of gold. They could, for example, link its value to another country's currency, or a basket of currencies, or simply let it float freely

and allow market forces to determine its value relative to other countries' currencies.

This procedure continued until 1973 when America broke the terms of the agreement due to a lack of sufficient gold reserves to back the American dollar (see the first bullet under Debt in the previous section). Quoting from J.P. Morgan/Insights – *“More recently, a prolonged period of U.S. dollar weakness against the currencies of its major trading partners, persistent current account and budget deficits, and a policy of quantitative easing by the U.S. Federal Reserve have led investors to question how much longer the dollar’s status as the world’s de facto reserve currency will remain unchallenged. This question has important implications for the U.S. economy since worldwide reserves held as foreign exchange total 6.5 trillion. A rapid reallocation of these reserves would weaken the U.S. dollar and cause interest rates in the U.S. to rise.”*

Interestingly, the previous prophetic quote from J.P. Morgan was written in 2009 as the American dollar is currently under attack by Russia and China. The following is a sampling of current financial articles on this subject:

- Examiner.com (October 2014):

*China will use gold and gold pricing to
force global currency reset*

“One of the purposes behind China’s creation of the new Shanghai Gold Exchange is to eventually take over global price controls for the monetary metal away from the Comex (Commodity Exchange, a division of the New York Mercantile Exchange), and then force a global currency reset by raising the price of gold to its actual value.

This will have a devastating effect on derivatives and ongoing use of the Comex futures market to suppress gold prices, and protect the dollar. This will also cause a massive chaos in the fiat currency markets (America)”

- InvestmentWatchblog.com (May, 20-13):

New Currency Order: US Dollar Losing Reserve Status

“For years now, the collapse of the dollar has been in the cards. Recent developments show mounting pressure on the dollar’s reserve currency status. We are seeing the advent of the new currency order. There will be a number of more or less equal blocks: a dollar zone, a Yuan zone, and the euro. These will later be able to converge to even more cooperation in the Money Power’s relentless march towards World Currency”

- CNBC.com (February 2013):

Is the Dollar Dying? Why US Currency Is In Danger

“The U.S. dollar is shrinking as a percentage of the world’s currency supply, raising concerns that the greenback is about to see its long run as the world’s premier

denomination come to an end. When compared to its peers, the dollar has drifted to a 15-year low, according to the International Monetary Fund, indicating that more countries are willing to use other currencies to do business. If the dollar loses status as the world's most reliable currency, the United States will lose the right to print money to pay its debt. It will be forced to pay this debt. The United States Congress, in both its houses, as well as the President are demonstrating a total lack of fiscal credibility"

- RadioFree Europe (August 2023):
RadioLiberty

A Common BRICS Currency To Challenge The U.S. Dollar

"The BRICS bloc, a group of developing countries seen as seeking to counter the United States and the West, agreed at a summit last week to admit six new countries, Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

The new members will make BRICS a commodities powerhouse, accounting for a substantial portion of global exports of oil, corn, and wheat. BRICS -- which stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa -- now accounts for 40-percent of the world's population, a share that will increase when the others join next year.

At the summit, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva called for the BRICS countries to create a common currency for trade and investment as a way to reduce the dominance of the U.S. dollar. In the days that followed, Russian state media played up the idea of a common BRICS currency and what they told audiences would be the decline of the dollar and of U.S. economic influence.

If the dominance of the U.S. dollar fades substantially in the future, it will likely have more to do with poor management of the U.S. economy, such as ballooning deficits, than with any BRICS efforts to dethrone it, he said"

The American government has expanded our money supply 400-percent in just six years by printing 4-trillion new dollars out of thin air, borrowed 9.4 trillion-dollars and has more than doubled our national debt from 2006 to 2015, and is continuing to spend, spend, spend. Various websites are indicating that global governments and investors are questioning the current safety of the American dollar. If the American dollar were to lose its *reserve currency* standing, it will become much harder for our government to borrow money and have our military stationed in over 150 countries. As a final note, if a currency is destroyed, all markets and a nation are also destroyed.

EXTERNAL ELEMENTS

In addition (or in combination) to the previous concerns resulting in the potential restructuring of America, let's look at some additional concerns (in no particular

order) that have the potential ability to also alter the direction of America in future global affairs.

China

One of the more noteworthy changes of the twenty-first century is the political, economic, and military awakening of Asia – primarily China.³³ As has been visibly evident, China is dramatically increasing their role in international socioeconomics, political dynamics, and military capabilities. The People's Republic of China, ruled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), is flexing its muscles and expanding its influence around the globe at a rapidly accelerating pace. Some recent items of note are the expanding presence of China in the South China Sea, the increasing desire of China to acquire Taiwan, the recent Chinese weather balloon incident over America, China harassing our Navy and Air Force on important levels, and COVID-19. Following are some additional specifics:

- China will overtake America to become the world's biggest economy in 2028, according to the Centre for Economics and Business Research. China's economic engine is running wide open³⁴
- China will take the top spot five years earlier than previously estimated, largely due to COVID-19 and America's COVID-19 response³⁵
- China's role in space is dramatically expanding as they want to dominate space in the next twenty years³⁶
- The political elite view China as the model for the authoritarian control that is envisioned for the entire world
- As outlined on page 22, China is the primary force behind replacing the American dollar with another monetary currency (BRICS)
- China currently has an army of 200 million
- The nations east of the Euphrates River, called the "*Kings from the East*," invade the Middle East in the end times prophecy (Revelation 16:12-14). Many Bible scholars believe that China is the driving force behind the great eastern power bloc

Iran^{37,38}

For decades, America has considered the Islamic Republic to be among the greatest threats to its interests and allies in the Middle East. Successive presidents, both Democrats and Republicans, have cited Iran's nuclear program, support for terrorism, meddling in the Middle East and imprisoning American citizens on trumped up charges. Since the 1980s, American forces deployed in Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Syria as well as Afghanistan have come under attack by Iran's surrogates and allies. Washington has charged that hundreds of Americans have been killed in firefights, suicide bombings, improvised explosive devices and assassinations. Washington's top concerns about Iran have currently been centered on Iran's priority to obtain nuclear capability,³⁹ an acceptable deliverable

nuclear capability, their vocal expressed hate and desire to eliminate Israel and America (big and little Satan), and their recent alliance with China, Russia and North Korea.⁴⁰

American-Mexico Border Illegal Immigration Issue

Although the illegal border crossings from Mexico into America have been “*front page news*” for at least the past ten years, it has never had the impact that it currently has in 2021 to 2023 for numerous reasons. With politics aside, let’s highlight some of the negative impacts on America:

- Fentanyl seizures (along with other drugs such as cocaine) continue to spike making the American/Mexico border an epicenter for drug trafficking into America. Precursors are imported from China and other countries and then pressed into pills, powder, or mixed into other drugs at massive cartel, industrial-scale labs⁴¹
- Nearly 5 million foreign nationals from 150 countries have entered America illegally since January, 2021. This number totals more than the individual populations of 25 states, greater than the populations of all the largest cities in America except New York City, and more than 100 countries and territories. This number is likely low due to the number of unreported “*getaways*” (evaded law enforcement)⁴²
- It is estimated there is at least 15.5 million illegal immigrants in America as of the beginning of 2022⁴³
- At the start of 2023, the net cost of illegal immigration to America was at least 150.7-billion dollars. Illegal immigration costs each taxpayer 1,156-dollars a year
- Almost half of all the criminals prosecuted in federal courts in 2018 were aliens, charged with crimes ranging from drug trafficking to murder to kidnapping. The cost to taxpayers to house alien criminals in 2018 was 1 to 1.2 billion-dollars a year⁴⁴
- A primary issue of illegal immigration is the unknown number of terrorists that have entered America and are waiting to begin their terrorist activities against America

American Aid to Ukraine⁴⁵

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine will have an important impact on the American economic and political outlook this year as follows:

- The conflict will drive up global commodity prices, fueling inflation and weighing on American economic growth. As a result, we have lowered our forecast for real GDP growth this year, from 3.4% to 3%
- Western co-operation, notably on sanctions, has been strong so far. However, expect cracks in the NATO alliance to appear as the war drags on

- Expect closer China-Russia co-operation, with China representing Russia's sole financial lifeline which will worsen American-China ties even further
- The further, war-induced rise in global commodities prices comes at a time when American inflation is already at a 40-year high of 7.9-percent year on year in February. Expect American inflation to remain at current levels (nearly 8-percent year on year) at least until the middle of the year
- The war in Ukraine will accelerate the fragmentation of the global geopolitical landscape. Notably, it will further deepen the rift between China and America
- Sanctions and restrictions will lead Russia to lean more on China in the economic, technology and financial spheres. In the long term, expect China to pursue greater co-operation with Russia, notably by negotiating for cheaper energy commodities (including natural gas and coal) that Europe is no longer willing to purchase. China will be able to serve as Russia's sole provider of technology components (including semiconductors, although these will primarily be in low and medium-end chips, where Chinese firms have developed additional supply-chain self-sufficiency)
- In the geopolitical and military spheres, the war will distract America from its previous attempts to increase its influence in Asia. Do not expect that America will be able to maintain a strong Transatlantic and Transpacific presence
- Facing less competition, China will seek to expand its influence primarily through economic means. In contrast, America will disappoint its Asian partners, such as Japan and Australia by maintaining a hostile stance towards regional trade agreements helping to counter China's influence

THE RAPTURE

For a moment, consider the prospect of millions of American's *instantly* vanishing with no visible trace of their whereabouts and leaving a massive disorder and void in this country that other countries would likely fill in a short period of time. The Rapture is a prophesied future event that is described in three main New Testament passages and are found in (1) John 14:1-3, (2) 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, and (3) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. The term Rapture is taken from 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – “*Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.*” The words **caught up** come from the Greek word *harpazo* that means to seize, snatch, or to take away suddenly.

*Note: Before considering the effects of the Rapture on America, it should be noted that there is a significant amount of debate regarding the **timing** of the Rapture that can be briefly summarized as occurring before, during, and after the Tribulation. For this discussion,*

let's consider the current popular viewpoint of the Rapture occurring prior to the Tribulation (Pre-Trib).

Although this event will apply to every Christian in every nation, consider the effect on America (who has the largest Christian population) when people from all walks-of-life suddenly disappear. According to the respected research Barna Group,⁴⁶ about 85-percent of Americans claim to be Christians, which is a debatable classification. However, the Barna Group notes that the percentage of “*born-again*” Christians is around 4-percent and 10-percent are identified as evangelical Christians. Using the conservative figure of about 10-percent of the current American population of over 340 million we find that at least 34 million Americans will suddenly disappear. To put this event into perspective, 34 million people is *twice* the combined population of four of this nation’s largest cities consisting of Los Angeles, New York City, Houston and Chicago.

It is easy to visualize that the sudden removal of this amount of people will instantly change every area of the American society that we know today, such as confusion in the stock market, a meltdown of millions of mortgages, a military with missing personnel, calamities in industry and government, and so on. In short, the entire American economy will be instantly changed into a chaos of confusion in addition to losing the *salt and light* of this nation as found in Matthew 5:13-14 – “*You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*” When all Christians are removed from the earth, the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit will also be removed with a resulting catastrophic effect on the entire world. The Rapture will surely bring America to its knees.⁴⁷

CONCLUSION

Even though the Bible is silent on the subject of America in end time prophecy and there are many people who would like to see the continuation of the greatness of America, it is far more important that believers are busy with the work of preaching the gospel, living a Godly life, and being ready for the blessed hope and appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ as outlined in Titus 2:11-13 – “*We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*”

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