

## AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

### Romans 1:21-32

**Introduction:** News broadcasts shows America becoming degraded morally and spiritually with no value in life or purpose for except to live for self. Today's magazines, movies, television programs show that America wants murder, crime, sex and Godlessness.

Tennessee Williams once said, "We have very little conviction of our own essential dignity, or even our essential decency." Mary Craig, a former Washington correspondent said, "Unless there is a deep down change in the American people, a genuine crusade against self-indulgence and immorality, public and private, then we care witness to the decline and fall of the American Republic."

America refuses to become alarmed, just as did the people in Noah's day. Unconcern, not being alarmed will not stop catastrophic coming events.

America tries to escape from reality, thus becoming soft, comfortable and numb. When crisis comes, alcohol and pills ease things. Alcohol and pills put Americans to sleep and wake us up and tranquillize us.

"Is our society in the process of dying without our knowing it? Hearts are hardened, ears have become deaf."

### I. LIKE THE PEOPLE OF NOAH'S DAY, AMERICA IS WISE BUT FOOLISH (*Romans 1:21-22*)

1. America has been blessed by God, but is throwing away it's heritage, has lost its will to believe, to resist, to contend, to fight, to struggle.
  - That will has been replaced by the desire to conform, to drift, to yield, to give up.
2. Roman conditions of the past exist in America today - Standards have been abandoned, families have disintegrated, divorces prevailing, rampant immorality, low faith with only "talk" of religion, few practicing their faith. Why don't professing Christians practice Christianity OPENLY?

### II. AMERICA HAS GIVEN GOD UP (*Romans 1:24-32*)

1. "MAN" has become America's "god." Man's accomplishments, dreams, goals, have replaced God.
2. God gives a nation up when:
  - it turns to immoral lusts and practices.
  - it turns to immoral affections and deviations.
  - it turns to a reprobate mind.
  - it turns to unrighteousness, fornication, covetousness.
3. After being given up by God there is only judgment left.
  - For the same sins of America, God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.
  - For the same sins of America, God destroyed the world in Noah's day.
  - America is not God's "pet" and is not immune to God's judgments.
  - "...*the wages of sin is death...*"

### **III. AMERICA HAS BEEN BLESSED BUT IS FORGETFUL**

1. It is sadly ironic that America has been so blessed but has now forgotten the ONE who has blessed so richly. (*Romans 1:20*) America has no excuse for forgetting God.
2. Someone once said, "...when America ceases to be good, it will cease to be great..."
  - America is at the setting stage for national dissolution, ultimate judgment.
  - America is building up for destruction.
  - America is begging for God's judgment.
  - Thomas Jefferson said "...I tremble for my country when I remember God is just..."

### **IV. GOD IS LONG SUFFERING (2 Peter 3:9)**

1. In the King Tut museum there are wheat seeds over 5,000 years old and if planted, they would grow.
2. The seeds of morality, reverence, integrity, righteousness lie dormant in America, but they can still grow if America would allow it to happen.
3. Some one once said: "...We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking, only to find out it is God who is shaking them..."
4. The foundations of America are shaking! God is warning us. America was not made to be empty, not made to be bored, not made to live in fear and anxiety. America was brought about for better things.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Individuals are important in God's eyes and should be so in the nation's eyes as well.
  - Only Jesus Christ can bring America back. Only Jesus can revive the sleeping seeds of morality, righteousness, integrity, love. Only Jesus can make YOU and ME what we ought to be.
2. Is YOUR life confused? Jumbled up? Seemingly helpless? No goal in life? Nothing important to you? Then you need Jesus.
3. Our entire nation needs Jesus Christ, but the recovery of our nation must start with YOU, with US. We must let Jesus have His way with us.
4. Pray for our nation. As God to give us Christian leaders, people who listen to God.