



CIRCLING THE DRAIN

Spiritual Crisis in America

Charts, Graphs & Illustrations

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Chapter 1

THINK ABOUT IT



- How do you receive national news? Is it by online resources, television, newspapers, blogs, or talk radio?
- How much time per week do you spend listening to or reading national news? Do you trust what you hear?
- Is the media accurately reflecting the true state of our nation? Do they analyze current events from a biblical viewpoint?

RESEARCH



Type *George Washington* and *Haym Salomon* in a search engine and see what you get. We've had a long and distinguished friendship with the Jews. When we have abandoned that friendship, discipline always followed.

ACCURATE GOSPEL

Jesus, in His omnipotence, accomplished salvation for His sheep on the cross and they will believe



Preacher commands spiritually dead sinners to believe in Christ



Humble unbeliever acknowledges complete dependence on God to regenerate her impotent will

UPSIDE-DOWN GOSPEL



Arrogant unbeliever thinks he can save himself by his own free will whenever he chooses

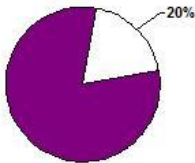
Preacher pleads with nice people to accept Jesus into their heart



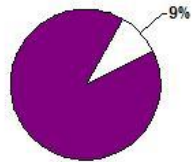
Jesus, in His impotence, accomplished nothing on the cross, but hopes you will believe in Him



Strong Supporters of Israel



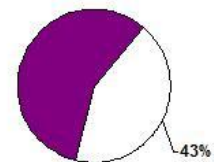
Verse-by-Verse Bible Teaching



Reasonably Accurate Gospel Message



Positive Contribution to Christianity



Contribution to Christianity

| | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| By POPULATION | | | |
| Strong supporters of Israel | Baptist | Pentecostal | Adventist |
| Verse-by-verse Bible teaching | Baptist | Lutheran | Ind/Fund/Bible |
| Reasonably accurate Gospel message | Baptist | Presbyterian | Lutheran |
| Consolidated positive impact | Baptist | Pentecostal | Adventist |
| By RATINGS | | | |
| Strong supporters of Israel | Ind/Fund/Bible | Pentecostal | Baptist |
| Verse-by-verse Bible teaching | Ind/Fund/Bible | Baptist | Brethren |
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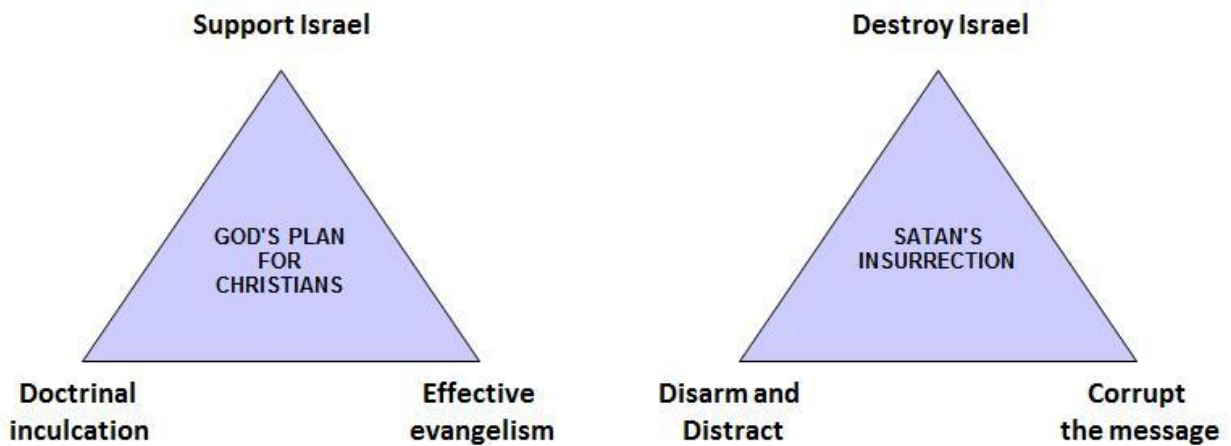
Using either Ron Rhodes' book on Christian denominations or the latest census data, create your own spreadsheet and see how your results compare to mine. Be honest and objective. The perfect church and perfect pastor is hard to find.

Chapter 2

THINK ABOUT IT

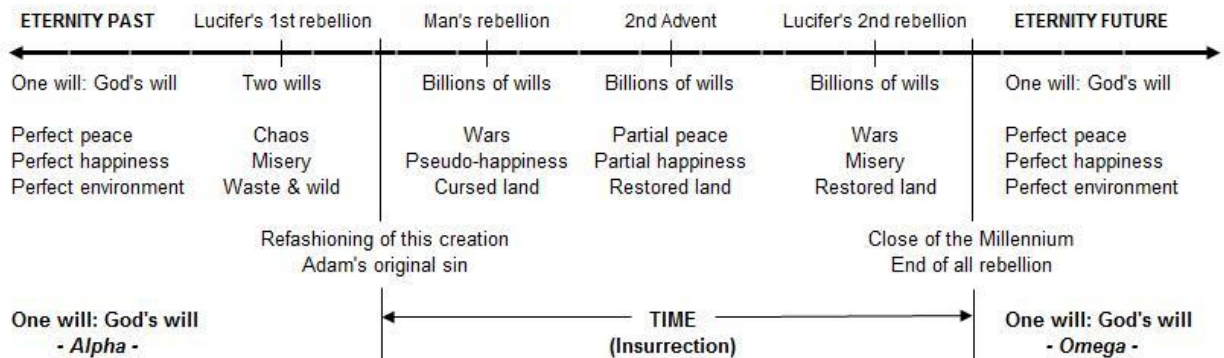


- Why is America on a self-destructive course?
- Can Christians turn things around now and avoid the tragic trifecta? Who or what is standing in our way?
- How did the recent anti-Semitic trend in our country begin?
- What's wrong with Washington politicians and why won't they listen?





Satan is behind every war, every government, every economic system, and every exercise of earthly power, with the sole purpose of turning God's plan upside-down, inside-out.



THINK ABOUT IT



- Do you believe in Satan?
- Do you believe he is alive and actively engaged on earth with a multitude of supporters?
- Do you believe he is winning the spiritual battle?

RESEARCH



- Look up the meaning of these words: treason, sedition, revolution, and impeachment.
- Does taking over the government of a republic from within and transforming it into a fascist-socialist state qualify as treason or sedition?

RESEARCH



Read an article a day by alternating between two sites:

- <http://www.mises.org/>
- <http://www.garynorth.com/public/departments57.cfm>

WARNING



- The Federal Reserve is neither federal nor a reserve.
- Redistribution of wealth or social justice is stealing with a ribbon tied around it.
- Printing money to finance deficits is theft.

| Biblical Capitalism | Satanic Socialism |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| contentment | envy, covetousness |
| working | stealing |
| private property | state confiscation |
| charity | redistribution of stolen goods |
| 10% flat tax | theft by progressive taxation |
| lawfulness | lawlessness |
| benevolent God | malevolent state |
| accumulation of wealth | accumulation of debt |
| free enterprise | bureaucratic control |
| economic freedom | economic slavery |
| prosperity | false security |
| growth | sacrifice |
| grace | guilt |
| justice | tyranny |
| individual liberty | government coercion |
| success | defeat |

First Sphere – Protectors

Seraphim (surrounding the throne of God)
Cherubim (guarding the way to the throne)
Thrones (symbols of God's justice and authority)

Second Sphere – Governors

Dominions (preside over nations)
Virtues (supervise the heavenly bodies)
Authorities (distributing power among humanity)

Third Sphere – Soldiers and Messengers

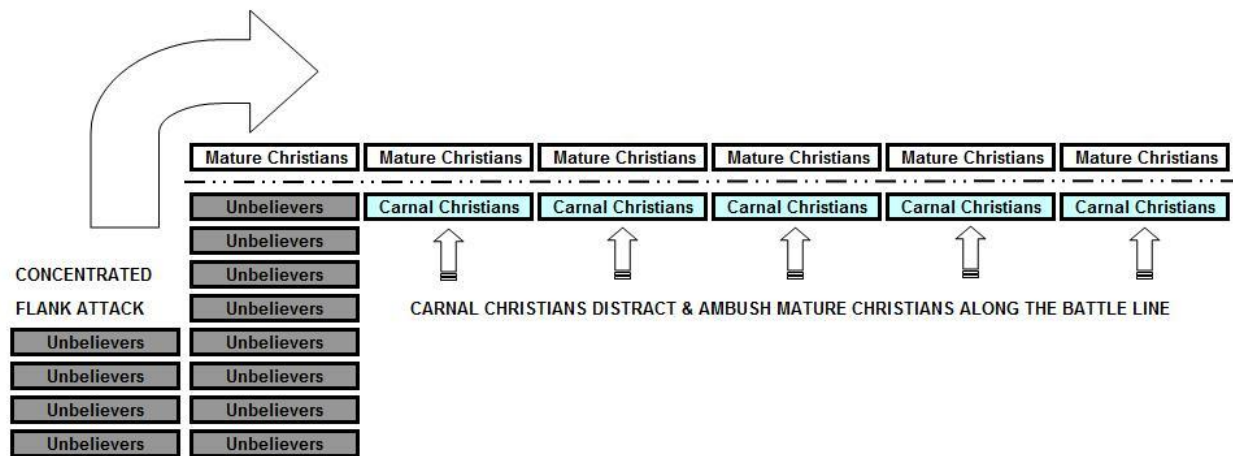
Principalities (educators)
Archangels (politics, economics, military)
Angels (messengers)

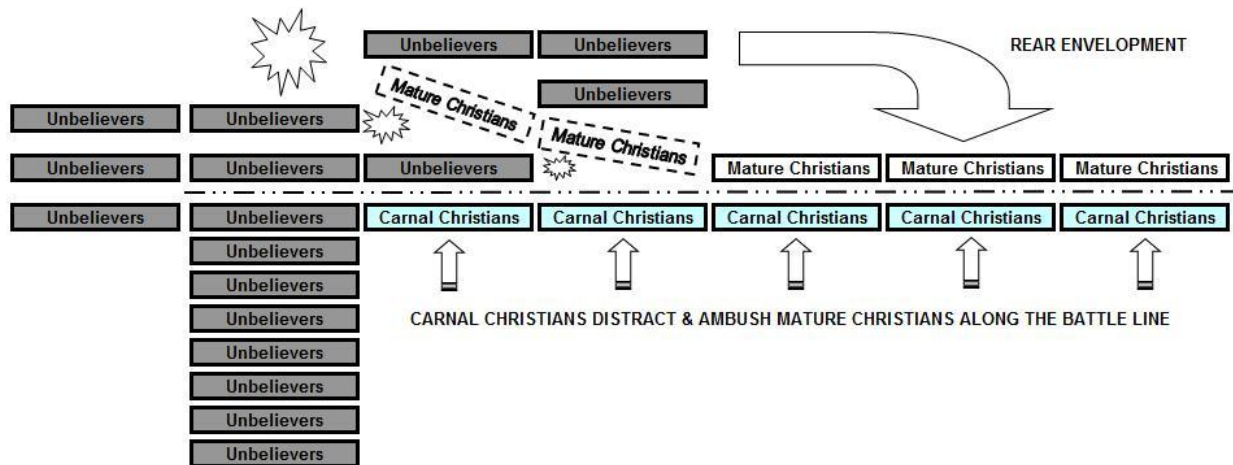
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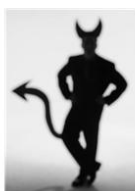
THINK ABOUT IT



- How do you know if you're in Satan's system? If you find you are in it, how do you get out?
- Is it possible to never align yourself with his system? Can you stay out of it by self-control?
- Is there a way to prevent ourselves from being deceived and manipulated by his wiles?



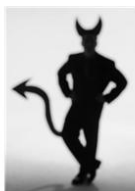




SATAN'S SIN MENU

Billions of Unhappy Customers

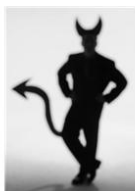
| MENTAL | VERBAL | OVERT |
|---|--|--|
| <i>Appetizers</i> | <i>Vegetarians</i> | <i>Meat-Lovers</i> |
| agitated (John 14:27) | arguing (Pv 18:6) | abandoning Bible study (Heb 10:25) |
| alienated from life (Eph 4:18) | backbiting (Ps 15:1-3) | abundance of idleness (Ezek 16:49) |
| ambition (2 Cor 12:20) | bearing false witness (Ex 20:16) | accepting bribes (Ex 23:8) |
| anger (2 Cor 12:20) | blasphemy (Jude 1:10) | accommodating cultists (2 John 10-11) |
| arrogance (2 Cor 12:20) | blind guides (Matt 23:16) | adding to biblical canon (Rev 22:18-19) |
| ashamed of the Word (Rom 1:16) | boasting in man's ability (Rom 1:30) | adultery (Ex 20:13) |
| avarice (2 Tim 3:2) | braggarts (Rom 1:30) | arson (Exodus 22:6) |
| believing empty fallacies (Col 2:8) | calling a man Father (Matt 23:9) | assault and battery (Acts 14:5) |
| believing evolution (Col 1:16) | commanding others not to eat meat (1 Ti 4:1-4) | associating with bad company (1 Cor 15:33) |
| bitterness (Eph 4:31) | complainers (Jude 16) | astrology (Deut 17:3-7) |
| blackout of the soul (Eph 4:18) | condemns the just (Pv 17:15) | bad employee (Col 3:22-25) |
| choked by the cares of this world (Luke 8:14) | contentious (Titus 3:9) | bad employer (Col 4:1) |
| class envy (Ex 20:17) | crafty conversation (Job 15:5) | beastiality (Deut 27:21) |
| conceit (2 Tim 3:4) | creating strife (Pv 17:14) | betrayers (2 Tim 3:4) |
| conformed to this age (Rom 12:2) | deceit (Rom 1:29) | busybodies (1 Tim 5:13) |
| covetousness (Ex 20:17) | denying the resurrection (Rom 10:9) | carousing, partying (Gal 5:21) |
| cowardice (2 Tim 1:7) | denies Jesus Christ (John 18:27, 1 Jo 2:22) | enemies of the cross of Christ (Philip 3:18) |
| discouraged (Eph 3:13) | distorting the Word of God (2 Cor 4:2) | compulsive shopping (1 Cor 7:30) |
| disorder, confusion, sloppiness (1 Cor 14:33) | double-talkers (1 Tim 3:8) | contacting the dead (séance) (Deut 18:11) |
| double-minded (James 4:8) | encouraging national sin (1 Kings 14:16) | contract breakers (Rom 1:31) |
| emotional revolt of the soul (2 Cor 6:12) | engaging in stupid controversies (Titus 3:9) | creating a schism (Gal 5:20) |
| environmentalism (Rom 1:25) | fabricators (Rom 1:30) | criminality (Pv 6:18) |
| envy (Rom 1:29) | faultfinders (Jude 16) | cruelty (Rom 3:14) |
| evil thoughts (Matt 15:19) | fits of rage (Gal 5:20) | currency debasing (Pv 11:1) |
| eyes full of adultery (2 Pe 2:14) | flattery (Jude 16) | dead works (Heb 9:14) |
| fear (Jn 12:42, 1 John 4:18) | foul language (Col 3:8) | debauchery (2 Peter 2:18) |
| following doctrines of demons (1 Tim 4:1) | gossip (2 Cor 12:20) | defrauding others (Lev 19:13) |
| foolish (Rom 1:31) | grumblers (Jude 16) | disobedient to parents (Rom 1:30) |



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|---|--|---|
| <i>Appetizers</i> | <i>Vegetarians</i> | <i>Meat-Lovers</i> |
| God-haters (Rom 1:30) | insulting (2 Cor 12:20) | dressing like a prostitute (Pv 7:10) |
| greed (Rom 1:29) | interrupting pastor at church (1 Cor 14:35) | drug abuse & addiction (1 Ti 3:8, Rev 21:8) |
| guilt complex (Rom 14:23) | judging on appearances (Rom 14:4) | drunkenness (1 Tim 3:3) |
| hardened heart (Eph 4:18) | justifies the wicked (Pv 17:15) | effeminate men (1 Cor 6:9) |
| hating fellow Christians (Titus 3:3) | leading children to sin (Matt 18:6) | emotional tantrums (Col 3:8) |
| hypersensitivity (1 Cor 13:5) | lying (Pv 6:17) | evil schemers (Rom 1:30) |
| implacable (Rom 1:31) | maligning (Jude 9) | excessive TV (Psalm 101:3) |
| ignoring worship/rest (Ex 20:8) | man-pleasers (Col 3:22) | extortion (Luke 18:11) |
| insatiable lust (Eph 4:19) | mental child abuse (Eph 6:4) | financial burden to others (2 Cor 12:14) |
| irreconcilable (2 Tim 3:3) | mockers (Jude 18) | financial dishonesty (1 Tim 3:8) |
| jealousy (2 Cor 12:20) | nagging (1 Pet 3:1) | flirting with another man's wife (1 Thess 4:6) |
| lack of integrity (Rom 3:12) | pathological liars (1 Tim 1:10) | food taboos (Rom 14:20) |
| lack of self-control (2 Tim 3:3) | patronizing (Col 3:22) | fornication (Acts 15:20) |
| legalistic Sabbath (John 9:16) | perjury (1 Tim 1:10) | fortune-tellers (Deut 18:10) |
| listening to wife instead of God (Gen 3:17) | perverting gospel with legalism (Gal 1:7-8) | fragmented life (Eph 4:18) |
| loving evil (Psalm 52:3) | quarreling (2 Cor 12:20) | giving grudgingly (2 Cor 9:7) |
| malecontent (Jude 16) | quarreling about theological opinions (Rom 14:1) | giving to the poor to be seen by men (Matt 6:1-4) |
| merciless (Rom 1:31) | slander (Rom 1:30) | gluttony (1 Cor 11:29) |
| | sowing discord (Pv 6:19) | haughty (Rom 1:30) |
| moral relativism (2 Tim 3:3) | spread rumours (1 Tim 5:13) | hedonistic (2 Tim 3:4) |
| not acknowledging your iniquity (Jer 3:13) | suggestive talk (Eph 5:4) | hindering free enterprise (Rom 13:3) |
| not avoiding cults (1 Tim 6:20) | taking the Lord's name in vain (Ex 20:7) | home-wrecker (Matt 19:6) |
| not avoiding false science (1 Tim 6:20) | tattlers (1 Tim 5:13) | homosexuality (Rom 1:27) |
| not hating evil (Rom 12:9) | threatening (Acts 9:1) | hypocrites (1 Tim 3:8) |
| not hating those who turn away from God (Psalm 101:3) | unseemly conversation (Phil 1:27) | idolatry (Ex 20:4) |
| not loving the Lord (Matt 22:37) | verbal animosity (Rom 3:14) | incest (1 Cor 5:1) |
| not studying the Bible daily (Psalm 1:2, Acts 17:11) | whisperer (Pv 16:28) | incurring bad debts (Rom 13:8) |
| not watching for the return of Jesus Christ (Mark 13:35-37) | | inflicting misery on others (Rom 1:29) |



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| personal stress (Rom 2:9) | worry (Matt 6:34, Phil 4:6) | not teaching your children the Bible (Deut 6:7) |
| philosophical speculation (Col 2:8) | zeal without knowledge (Rom 10:2) | oath breaking (Num 30:2) |
| presumptuous (2 Cor 10:2) | | observing special days and festivities (Gal 4:10-11) |
| psychological speculation (Col 2:8) | | occult activity (Rev 9:21) |
| pride (Ro 1:30, 2 Cor 11:20) | | persecuting (Acts 9:4) |
| racism (John 4:9) | OVERT | phony (2 Tim 3:6) |
| refuse to repent (Luke 13:3) | Meat-Lovers | physical child abuse (Eph 6:4) |
| refusing to acknowledge sin (1 John 1:9-10) | involvement in religious cliques or factions (1 Cor 1:11) | pimp or panderer (Eph 5:5) |
| rejecting doctrine (Rom 1:18) | joining a conspiracy (Gal 5:20) | polygamy (1 Tim 3:12) |
| relying on self instead of God (2 Cor 1:9) | keeping pastors, evangelists, teachers in poverty (1 Cor 9:11) | prostitution (1 Cor 6:15) |
| revenge motivation (Rom 3:14) | kidnapping (Ex 21:16) | rape (Deut 22:25) |
| scar tissue of the soul (Eph 4:19) | lawlessness (Rom 6:19) | rebellious (1 Sam 15:23) |
| self-deception (Gal 6:3) | lawsuits against other Christians (1 Cor 6:6) | reckless (2 Tim 3:4) |
| selfish (2 Tim 3:2) | refuse to work (2 Thess 3:10) | refuse to pay taxes (Rom 13:6) |
| self-righteousness (Rom 10:3) | legalistic do-gooders (ministers of righteousness) (2 Cor 11:15) | refusing sex with your spouse (1 Cor 7:5) |
| self-worship (Luke 18:10-14, Rom 1:23) | lesbianism (Rom 1:26) | refusing to pay debts (Matt 5:26) |
| shame (Ro 10:11) | malice (Rom 3:14) | refusing to spank a disobedient child (Pv 13:24) |
| shocked into instability (John 16:1) | maliciousness (Rom 1:29) | rejecting legitimate authority (Rom 13:1-2) |
| slaves to the sin nature (Rom 6:17) | managing by intimidation (Ezek 34:4) | religious fanaticism (persecution) (Gal 1:14) |
| spiritual delusion (2 Thess 2:10) | meddlers (1 Tim 5:13) | ruling by force (Ezek 34:4) |
| stubborn (1 Sam 15:23) | men-pleasers (Gal 1:10) | satanism (Deut 18:10) |
| subjective thinking (Heb 4:1) | mischievous (Psalm 28:3) | sex with a relative (Deut 27:22) |
| treachery (Rom 1:29) | mob violence (2 Cor 12:20) | sexual immorality (Rom 1:26) |
| unforgiving (Rom 1:31) | murder (Ex 20:15) | show favoritism (James 2:1) |
| ungrateful (2 Tim 3:2) | mysticism (Rev 18:23) | sluggard (Pv 6:6) |
| unloving (2 Tim 3:3) | not helping a friend in great need (1 John 3:17) | socialism (Rom 13:3) |
| walking in vanity (Eph 4:17) | | sorcery (Rev 9:21) |



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| | OVERT | |
|--|---|---|
| | Meat-Lovers | |
| spite (Rom 1:29) | traitors (2 Tim 3:4) | wickedness (Rom 1:29) |
| stealing (Ex 20:14, Mt 19:18) | unjust (Rom 1:31) | wife rejecting authority of husband (1 Cor 11:10, Eph 5:22) |
| strife (Rom 1:29) | vindictive (James 3:17) | witchcraft (Deut 18:10) |
| swindlers (1 Cor 6:10) | violent and savage (2 Tim 3:3) | workaholic (1 Cor 7:30) |
| taking away from the biblical canon (Rev 22:18-19) | voodoo (Deut 18:11) | worshipping angels (Col 2:18) |
| tattooing, piercing (Lev 19:28) | wanton behavior (Gal 5:19) | worshipping other gods (Ex 20:3) |
| thwarting the grace of God (Gal 2:21) | wearing clothes of the opposite sex (Deut 22:5) | |



PRICE FIX MENU

Multi-Course Meals at a Steep Price

| SOCIALIST | DELIGHT | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Appetizers: | Greed | Rage | Class envy | Arrogance | Ambition | Hypocrisy |
| Vegetables: | Lying | Fanaticism | Fabrication | Strife | Flattery | Slander |
| Meat: | Stealing | Violence | Extortion | Laziness | Forced rule | Bribes |

| ENVIRON | MENTALIST | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Appetizers: | Presumption | Fallacious science | Deception | Scheming | Subjectivity | Blind guide |
| Vegetables: | Distortion | Speculation | Reckless | Judging | Fraud | Threatening |
| Meat: | Idolatry | Stealing | Regulation | Busy-bodies | Lawsuits | Arson |

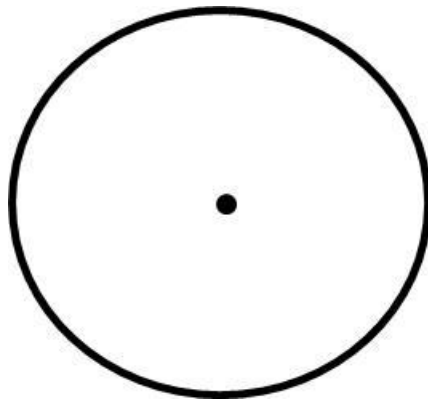
| KEYNES | PLATTER | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Appetizers: | Power lust | Avarice | Fallacious | Delusion | Betrayal | Haughty |
| Vegetables: | Deceit | Intimidation | Perjury | Double-talk | National sin | Contentious |
| Meat: | Counterfeit | Bad debt | Tax theft | Inflation | Meddling | Swindlers |

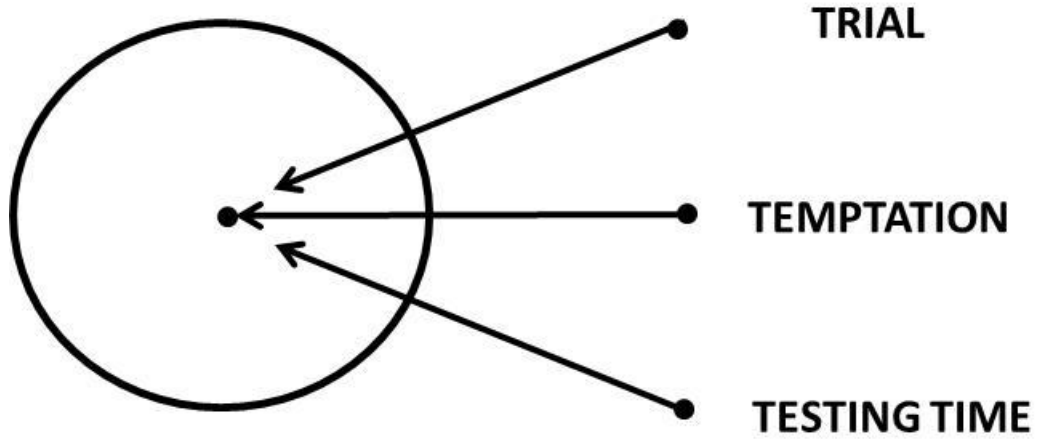
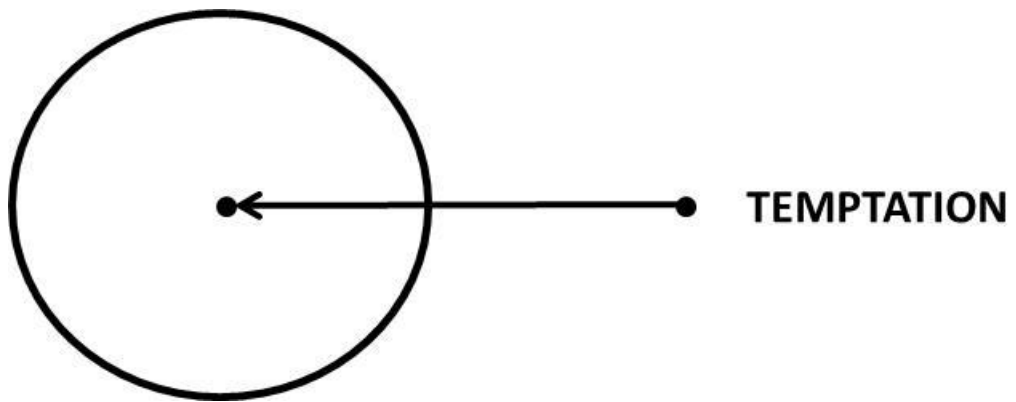
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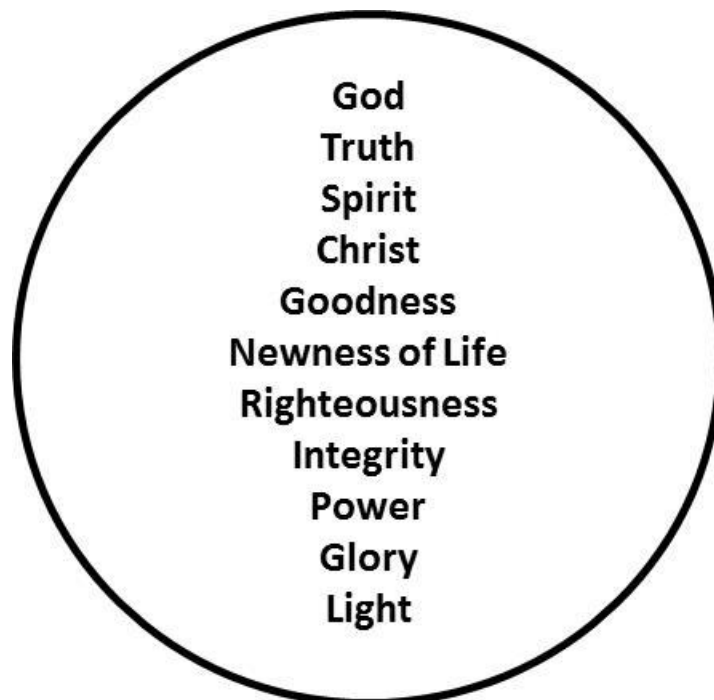
THINK ABOUT IT



- If I told you the only way to grow spiritually was by suffering and enduring tests, would you still be interested?
- Do you know what the difference is between the indwelling and the filling of the Spirit?
- Is God's system easy or difficult to navigate?











JESUS' CELESTIAL MENU

Billions of Ecstatic Customers

| CHILDREN | ADOLESCENTS | WISE MEN |
|--|---|--|
| <i>Milk</i> | <i>Soft Serve</i> | <i>Solid Food</i> |
| charitable (Rom 15:28) | capacity for life (Rom 8:6) | bearing evil without resentment (2 Tim 2:24) |
| conscientious (2 Tim 2:2) | character (Rom 5:4) | blessed by God (Eph 3:20) |
| deficient in nothing (James 1:4) | contentment (Heb 13:5) | blessing by association (Phi 7) |
| dependable (1 Tim 1:12) | courage (Heb 10:35) | confidence in spiritual maturity (Rom 5:4) |
| consistent doctrinal input (Gal 6:6) | doctrinal inculcation (Heb 2:1) | doctrinal application (Eph 6:10-17) |
| encouragement (2 Cor 1:4) | endurance (1 Cor 13:7) | dying grace (Philip 1:20) |
| evangelistic (John 15:16) | fellowship with Him (1 John 1:6) | enriched by Him (1 Cor 1:5) |
| good manners (Rom 15:2) | fortitude (Rom 5:4) | eternal life on earth (Rom 6:22) |
| grace gifts (1 Cor 12:4) | honor (Rom 2:10) | filled with fruit (Phil 1:11) |
| grace oriented (2 Cor 2:10) | inner poise (1 Tim 2:9) | filled with God (Eph 3:19) |
| heirs of God (Rom 8:17) | integrity (Rom 3:12) | full knowledge (Phil 1:9) |
| helps/supports (1 Cor 12:5) | master details of life (Col 3:12) | fullness of Christ (Eph 4:13) |
| hospitality to fellow believers (Heb 13:2) | ministry of refreshment (Phi 7) | glorified (Rom 2:10) |
| living a quiet, peaceful life (1 Thess 4:11) | protection from the evil one (2 Thess 3:3) | holy and blameless in His presence (Eph 1:4) |
| mercy (1 Tim 1:2) | pure in motives (Phil 1:10) | love for Christ (Eph 3:19) |
| mind your own business, enjoy your work (1 Thess 4:11) | rightmindedness (Eph 1:8) | love for the Father (1 John 4:16) |
| obedient (1 John 4:4) | sanity without illusion (Rom 12:3) | loves the Light (Eph 5:14, Col 1:12) |
| order, organization, tidiness, harmony (1 Cor 14:33) | slaves to righteousness (Rom 6:18) | overflowing with doctrine (Rom 15:14) |
| patient (James 5:7-8) | spiritual growth (John 1:16) | partaker of divinity (2 Pet 1:4) |
| perseverance (2 John 1:6) | spiritual power (Col 1:29) | enjoy studying (1 Cor 13:6) |
| prayer and supplication (Eph 6:18) | spiritual rest (Heb 3:11) | righteousness (Rom 5:17) |
| soul rapport with other Christians (Phil 2:2) | stable thought patterns (1 Pet 4:7) | spiritual discernment (Philip 1:9) |
| spiritual gifts (Rom 12:6-8) | suffering for blessing (Phil 1:29) | spiritual prosperity (Rom 2:10) |
| spiritual ops (1 Cor 12:6) | thanksgiving to God (Eph 5:4) | spiritual victory (Rom 8:37) |
| teachability (Heb 13:22) | thinking His thoughts (1 Cor 2:16) | super-abounding grace (Rom 5:20) |
| tolerance for fellow believers (Eph 4:2) | unsullied and irreproachable (1 Tim 6:14) | super-rich in wisdom (Eph 1:8) |
| without hypocrisy (Rom 12:9) | well-balanced in body, soul, spirit (2 Tim 4:5) | virtue love in abundance (Phil 1:9) |
| without offense (Philip 1:10) | well-pleasing to God (Rom 12:2) | |



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Complementary for All First-Time Customers

| FRUIT PLATE | Galatians 5:22-23 | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| faithful | peaceful | virtue love |
| kind and gentle | relaxed mental attitude | longsuffering |
| genuine humility | self-control | inner happiness |



REWARDS

Special Invitation - Overcomers Only

| WINNER'S CIRCLE | BANQUET | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|
| gold, silver, precious stones (1 Cor 3:14) | joint-heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17) | ruling with Jesus (Rom 5:17) |
| tree of life (Rev 22:17) | enter by the gates (Rev 22:14) | white stone with new, honored name (Rev 2:17) |

Chapter 5

THINK ABOUT IT



- How is your church doing lately? Is it growing or declining in population? Is your church in a state of revival or apostasy?
- What would Jesus think of your church? What is His criterion for a good church vs. a bad church?
- Where there is church growth, what is causing it? Is the mega-church a good trend or a bad trend?

| | Ephesus | Smyrna | Pergamos | Thyatira | Sardis | Philadelphia | Laodicea |
|----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| C.L. Barker | Waning love Death of Paul to 200 A.D. | Suffering, persecution Roman rule to 305 A.D. | Compromised state religion 300 to 590 A.D. | Intolerant papal supremacy 590 to 1517 A.D. | Reformation from lifelessness 1517 to 1650 A.D. | Faithful evangelism 1650 to 1900 A.D. | Worldliness indifference 1900 to rapture |
| C. Larkin | backslidden church 70 to 170 A.D. | persecuted church 170 to 312 A.D. | licentious church 312 to 606 A.D. | lax church 606 to 1520 A.D. | dead church 1520 to 1750 A.D. | favored church 1750 to 1900 A.D. | lukewarm church 1900 to the end |
| L. Strauss | Apostolic church Pentecost to 160 A.D. | Persecuted by pagan Rome 160 to 312 A.D. | Compromised church 313 to 600 A.D. | Romanism's Dark Ages 600 to 1517 A.D. | Protestant Reformation 1517 to 1750 A.D. | Period of the open door 1750 to 1950 A.D. | Nauseating, non-doctrinal church 1950 to ? |
| LaHaye T. Ice | Apostolic church 30 to 100 A.D. | Persecuted church 100 to 313 A.D. | State church 313 to 590 A.D. | Papal church 590 to 1517 A.D. | Reformed church 1517 to 1730 A.D. | Missionary church 1730 to 1900 A.D. | Apostate church 1900 to ? |

| DEBITS (+) | CREDITS (-) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Intolerance for evil | Love for Jesus decreasing |
| Refused to compromise | Priorities shifting negatively |
| Rejected clergy/laity split | Beginning to abandon doctrine |
| Strenuous academic effort | |
| Challenged false teachers | |
| Positive spiritual momentum | |
| Not indifferent to moral sin | |
| Perseverance during testing | |
| Endured trials and tribulations | |
| Loyal to the truth under pressure | |

| DEBITS (+) | CREDITS (-) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Endured slandering | Ostracized |
| Imprisonment/martyrdom possible | Afraid of suffering |
| Spiritually prosperous | Economically poor |
| Endured momentum tests | |
| Persecuted for a successful ministry | |

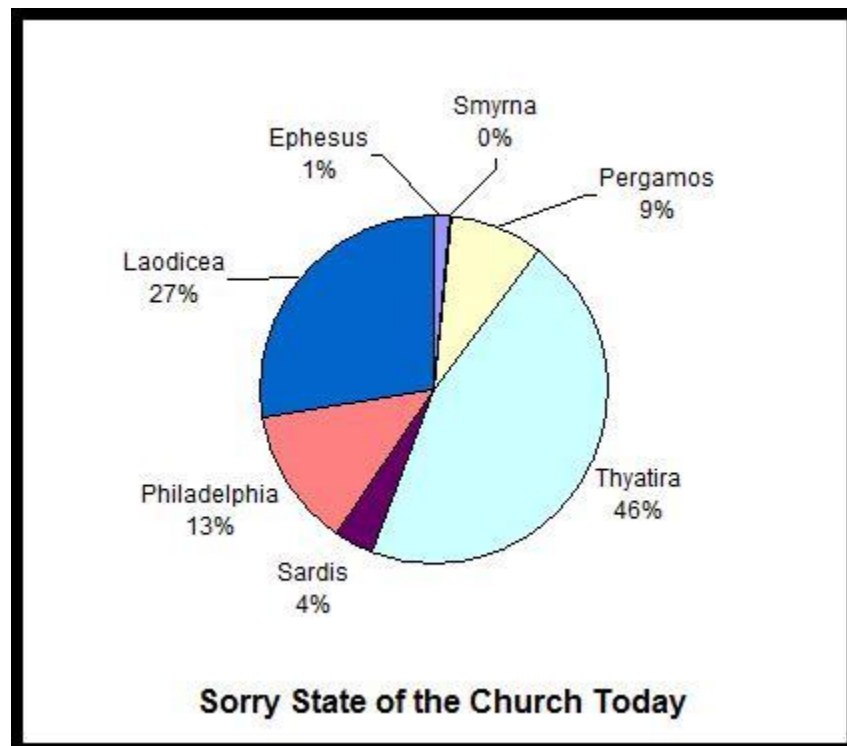
| DEBITS (+) | CREDITS (-) |
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| Worshipped Jesus in the midst of evil | Lived a licentious lifestyle |
| Maintained doctrine after the murder of their pastor | Embraced subversive teachings |
| | Warned by Jesus to repent or face the consequences |

| DEBITS (+) | CREDITS (-) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Applied doctrine to daily life | Compromised with idolatry |
| Persevered under pressure | Engaged in sexual immorality |
| Exhibited love for the brethren | Rejected conservative principles |
| | Submitted to a prophetess |
| | Refused to change direction |
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| DEBITS (+) | CREDITS (-) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Incomplete accomplishments | Spiritually dead |
| Production not up to standards | Distracted in self-denial |
| | Engulfed in self-deception |
| | Pastors aren't teaching the Bible |

| DEBITS (+) | CREDITS (-) |
|------------------------------------|--|
| The Lord loves them | Testing from Rome on the way |
| Trained a lot of Bible teachers | Claiming Israel's national blessings |
| Kept His Word and did not deny Him | Anti-Semites claiming to be spiritual Israel |
| Has considerable spiritual growth | |
| Guards doctrine with perseverance | |

| DEBITS (+) | CREDITS (-) |
|------------|---|
| | In a state of apostasy |
| | Lukewarm spiritually |
| | No happiness or blessings from God |
| | Rich and self-sufficient without God |
| | Complete lack of character, despicable |
| | Blind to evil, no problem-solving ability |
| | Colossal arrogance, ignorance, impotence |



Chapter 6

THINK ABOUT IT



- Does the Bible predict good times or bad times prior to the rapture?
- Can you tell the difference between a growing Christian and a phony one?
- Has it ever occurred to you that some power brokers, money-grubbers and traitors in the public limelight might be Christians?



Citizens of the world without Jesus Christ, without Bible doctrine, without the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit, and without the witness of Church Age believers, will believe anything the Antichrist tells them and follow his lead to their final doom.



Paul issued this warning to protect those who are alive during the last days from associating with phony Christians who will distract them from the spiritual life.



A lifestyle of hypocrisy and lies can continue for so long that people no longer recognize that they are hypocrites and liars.



When you deliberately default on a mortgage or credit card balance, you are stealing somebody else's income. Someone invested their money to provide you with these loans. If you don't pay them back, they lose their fair wages.

RESEARCH



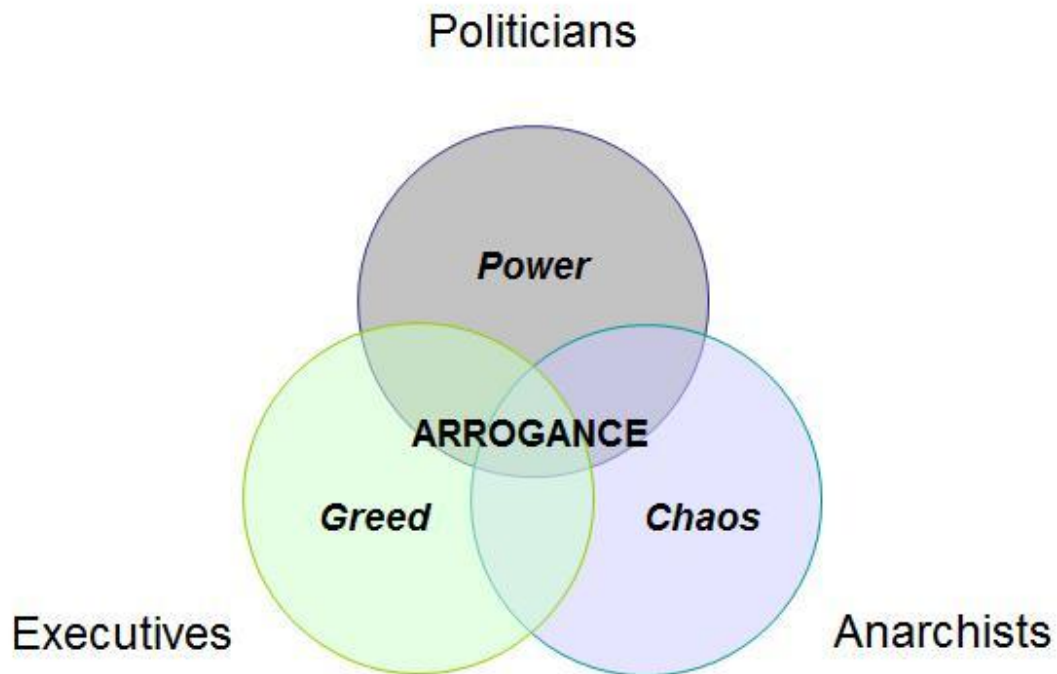
Read Jeremiah chapters 8-9 and compare to conditions in America today. Notice the progression in God's warnings and judgments.

Chapter 7

THINK ABOUT IT

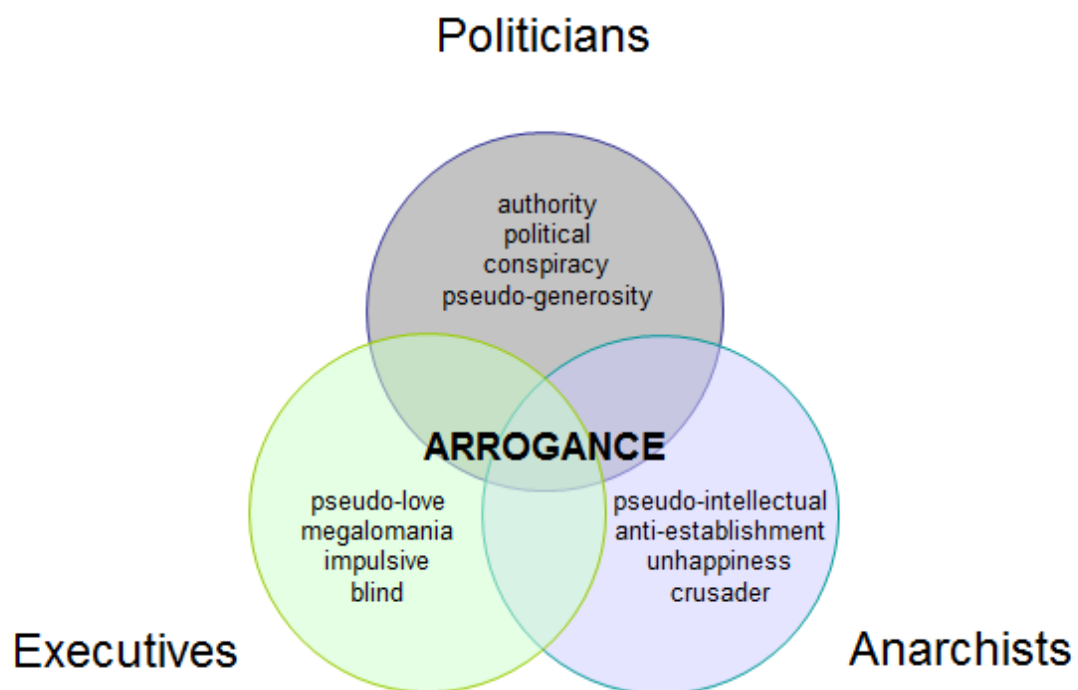


- Why is the confidence level in our politicians so appallingly low today?
- Do the keepers of our financial system (bankers and members of the Fed) know what they are doing?
- Why do anarchists, who represent small interest groups, wield such power over our judicial system?





The 1/3 of our population that is conservative and/or Christian has no political party.



Chapter 8

THINK ABOUT IT



- Is God in charge of the universe in all of its intricate details, or did He wind it up and go on vacation?
- Does God bless nations and curse nations today, or has He restricted Himself to dealing with individuals only?
- Is the USA losing its favored status with God?

RESEARCH



The anthropogenic component of climate change and weather patterns is a global socialist-communist scam. If it is not stopped, deceitful environmental legislation (e.g., cap and tax) may become the greatest theft of privately-earned wealth in the history of mankind. Look up on the internet: sunspots and weather patterns.

Leviticus. 26:3

Seek out my statutes (*hearing/reading*)
Carefully examine mandates (*inculcation*)
Obediently execute them (*application*)

Philippians 4:9

Hear & learn doctrine (*hearing/reading*)
Accept/understand doctrine (*inculcation*)
Keep on doing these things (*application*)

Leviticus. 26:4

I will give you rain at the proper time
 The land will yield its produce (*income*),
 and trees will bear their fruit (*economic prosperity*)

Acts 14:17, Hebrews 6:7

He gave us rain
 He gave us fruitful seasons (*income*) and
 blessed the land with vegetation (*economic prosperity*)

**Leviticus
26:5**

Threshing will overtake harvest, harvest
 will overtake seeding (*full employment*)
 Eat with satisfaction (*surplus of goods*)
 Live in your land securely (*internal safety*)

**Matt. 9:38, Luke 13:6-9, 2 Cor.
9:6, 1 Cor. 9:7-11, Rom. 12:18**

Lord of the harvest (*material & spiritual*)
 Sowing and reaping (*employment*)
 Fruit of vineyard, partaker (*income*)
 Live peaceably with all men (*safety*)

Leviticus. 26:6

No war in your land (*strong military*)
 I will bring peace (*no enemies*)
 You will sleep without fear (*secure*)
 No vicious predatory animals (*safe streets*)
 No dagger in the land (*escaped prisoners, rebellion, insurrections*)

**James 3:18 - 4:1, Heb. 12:20,
Matt. 26:45, 6:20**

Peace as fruit of righteousness, rather than
 wars and fighting (*no enemies*)
 Sleep without fear (*secure*)
 Beasts stoned or stabbed to death (*safety*)
 Thieves do not break in (*safe from crime*)

Leviticus. 26:7

Pursue your enemies (*strong military*)
 Capture prisoners of war (*surrender*)

Heb. 1:13, Acts 22:4

Make your enemies a footstool (*victory*)
 Bound and delivered to prison (*captured*)

Leviticus. 26:8

Five pursue one hundred, one hundred pursue ten thousand (*overcome superior numbers*)

Your enemies destroyed (*military victories*)

Heb. 1:13

Make your enemies a footstool (*military victories*)

Leviticus. 26:9

Looked at with high regard (*divine respect*)

Caused to be fruitful (*economic prosperity*)

Will be multiplied (*population increase*)

Will confirm His covenant (*before others*)

Heb. 6:14, 17, 2 Cor. 9:10

Multiply your seed (*population increase*)

Increase fruit (*spiritual and material prosperity*)

Confirmed oath (*before others*)

Leviticus. 26:10

Eat last year's reserve grain because there is no room to store the new harvest (*ridiculously prosperous*)

2 Cor. 9:10

Increase fruit (*spiritual and material prosperity*)

Leviticus. 26:11

Deposit covenant in them (Gk: *spiritual*)

Tabernacle in the midst of them (Hb: *material*)

God will not grow tired of you (*longsuffering*)

Matt. 18:20, Rom. 2:4

Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them (*spiritual & material*)

Richness of His forbearance and longsuffering

Leviticus. 26:12

I will walk with you (*daily fellowship*)
I will be their God, they will be My people
(*reciprocal relationship*)

1 John 1:3, 7; 2 Cor. 6:16

Have fellowship with us (*daily*)
I will be their God, they will be My people
(*reciprocal relationship*)

Leviticus. 26:13

I am the Lord your God (*Yahweh, Elohim*)
Brought you out of Egypt (*deliverance*)
Broke the prison chains of your yoke of
bondage (*freedom*)

2 Cor. 6:16, Luke 4:18, Gal. 4:9

I will be their God (*Theos*)
Preached deliverance to the captives
Do you desire to be back in bondage
again?

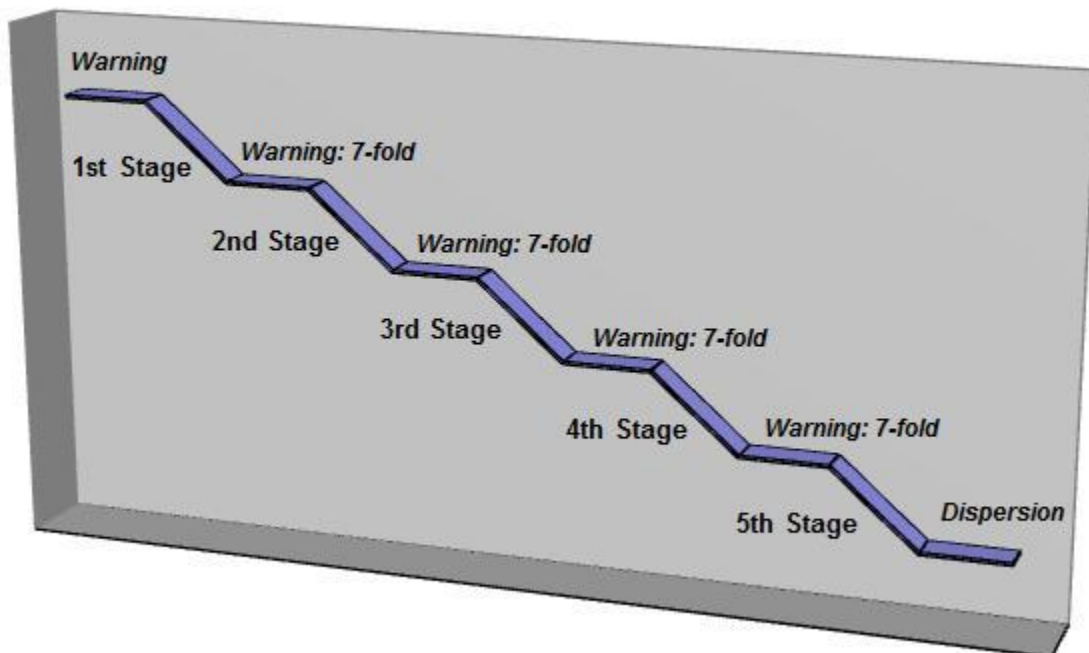
Chapter 9

THINK ABOUT IT



- Could God change the blessings we have received in America to cursing?
- Did the cursing in this chapter really happen to Israel? Would God do it to a nation other than Israel?
- Could we be headed for another Depression, or worse?

5 Stages of Divine Discipline



| Leviticus. 26:14 | Heb. 2:2, Eph. 5:6, 1 Peter 2:8 |
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| If you refuse to listen and obey (<i>disobedience</i>) If you refuse to execute His 3 commands (<i>rejecting the Word of God</i>) | Disobedience receives just recompense Wrath of God upon disobedience Stone of stumbling (<i>rejecting the Word of God</i>) |

| Leviticus. 26:15 | Mark 7:9, 2 Tim. 3:5, Rom. 1:31 |
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| Reject His statutes (<i>no input</i>) Tired of His conclusions (<i>no inculcation</i>) Cease trying to execute (<i>no application</i>) Broken covenant (<i>discipline on the way</i>) | Reject the commandments (<i>no input</i>) Denying the power thereof (<i>no inculcation or application of doctrine</i>) Covenant breakers (<i>discipline on the way</i>) |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|--|---|
| Sudden terror brought against you Consuming sickness, skin disease High fever, inflammation, chronic virus Melt your soul, pine away in depression Sow your seed for nothing, futile efforts Enemies eat the sweat of your brow | Anxiety, panic attacks, fear & worry Tuberculosis, AIDS, cancer, ague Poor eyesight, muscle loss, scar tissue Mental illness, drug abuse, suicides Confiscation by taxes, inflation, health care Theft by socialism, welfare state, bailouts |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|--|--|
| You will be ruined before your enemies Governed by those who hate you You will try to escape Nobody has to pursue you | Financial collapse encouraged by socialists Corrupt politicians become tyrants You make attempts to exit their evil system There is nowhere to run, you are trapped |

Historical Context

He will crush the pride of your arrogance
Sky will be like iron (difficult to gauge)
Land will be like copper (nonproductive)

Modern Equivalent

Independence and prosperity disappear
Drought, floods, agricultural disaster
Employment tyranny, loss of pay

Historical Context

Your strength will be spent in vain
Your land will not yield her produce
Your trees will not bear fruit

Modern Equivalent

Work will not produce the desired result
Inflation & legislation will destroy savings
Your expenses will exceed your income

Historical Context

Savage, animal-like beings will attack you
They will kidnap your children
They will exhaust your cattle
They will reduce the population
Streets and highways will be desolate

Modern Equivalent

Escaped convicts, cartels, street gangs rule
They will kidnap and murder your children
Ransom payments will erase your savings
Murder will go unpunished
Streets deserted, destroyed by violence

Historical Context

He will bring a sword against them
He will send a plague in their midst
Delivered into hands of hostile people

Modern Equivalent

Civil insurrection, riots, urban warfare
City-wide rat epidemic
Torture and murder by violent criminals

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| He will destroy your food storage | Famine will contribute to food shortage |
| Ten women will share one oven | Severe shortage of men due to violence |
| Your food will be rationed to you | Feeding ten women reduces share of food |
| You will eat but never be satisfied | A good meal will be a distant memory |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|---|---|
| Destroy their temples of prostitution | |
| Destroy their incense altars, pagan statues | Madonnas, crosses, and other pagan relics |
| Toss corpse onto lifeless idols for burning | |
| God is angry and provoked at the Jews | God can be angry/provoked at Christians |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
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| Turns their cities into deserted wastelands | Vibrant cities will become ghost towns |
| Makes their sanctuaries quite desolate | Churches will be trashed and empty |
| He will never smell a fragrant odor from their offerings or sacrifices | Prayers not heard, works righteousness will fail to pass divine quality control |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|---|---|
| God will make their farmland desolate | God will bring environmental disasters |
| Internal enemies will be stupefied at the thoroughness of the destruction | Land-grabbling politicians and foreigners will lose their real estate investments |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|---|---|
| I will scatter you among the nations | Captured as POWs, transported as slaves |
| Two-edged sword drawn in pursuit | Judgment follows you into foreign nations |
| Land and cities are deserted and desolate | Anything and anybody of value is plunder |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
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| Cowardice in the mentality of the soul | Despondency and timidity is debilitating |
| Retreat due to the sound of a leaf falling | Irrational fear of your enemies |
| Flee from conflict when nobody is chasing | Emotions controlling the soul |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Brother will stumble upon brother | Retreat in the face of danger |
| Nobody is pursuing you | Afraid of your own shadow |
| No power to resist your enemies | Fear-panic ploy |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| You will perish among the nations | Scattered for the remainder of your life |
| Land of your enemies will consume you | Living in a strange land in poverty forever |

| Historical Context | Modern Equivalent |
|---|--|
| Corrupted because of your sins | Corrupted because of your sins |
| Pining away in the land of your enemies | Depression and other mental issues |
| Sharing the punishment of your fathers | Children carried on generational sins |
| Rotting away with your fathers | Life of apostasy, dying the sin unto death |

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| 1st stage | Terrorism, cancerous diseases, mental illness, theft by taxation, declining household income, treasonous politicians, high unemployment, financial collapse |
| 2nd stage | Weather disasters, agricultural distress, loss of savings, inflation, bankruptcy, business failure, illegal confiscation of wealth “for the greater good” |
| 3rd stage | Desolate highways, rampant criminality, child kidnapping, ransom, street gangs, union/guild protests, rape, murder, depression, corrupt legal system |
| 4th stage | Civil war, rural flight to urban centers, inner city plagues, cartel violence, mental and physical torture, famine, food rationing, depopulation, severe hunger |
| 5th stage | Cannibalism, deserted cities, loss of basic freedoms, churches destroyed, rejected prayers, loss of border protection, military defeat, plunder, slavery |

Chapter 10

THINK ABOUT IT



- Is the USA mentioned in Scripture? Do we remain a great nation up to the rapture, or do we decline under discipline?
- Do any of the verses on Babylon refer to the USA? Is the ancient city of Babylon in Iraq being rebuilt?
- If the USA isn't mentioned in Scripture, what are some general signs of the times? What's next in God's plan?

Chapter 11

THINK ABOUT IT



- When will the attempted invasion of Israel by the nations in Ezekiel 38-39 occur?
- Which nations are involved? What is the outcome? Is the USA involved?
- Should we be worried about the formation of an Islamic caliphate?

Chapter 12

THINK ABOUT IT



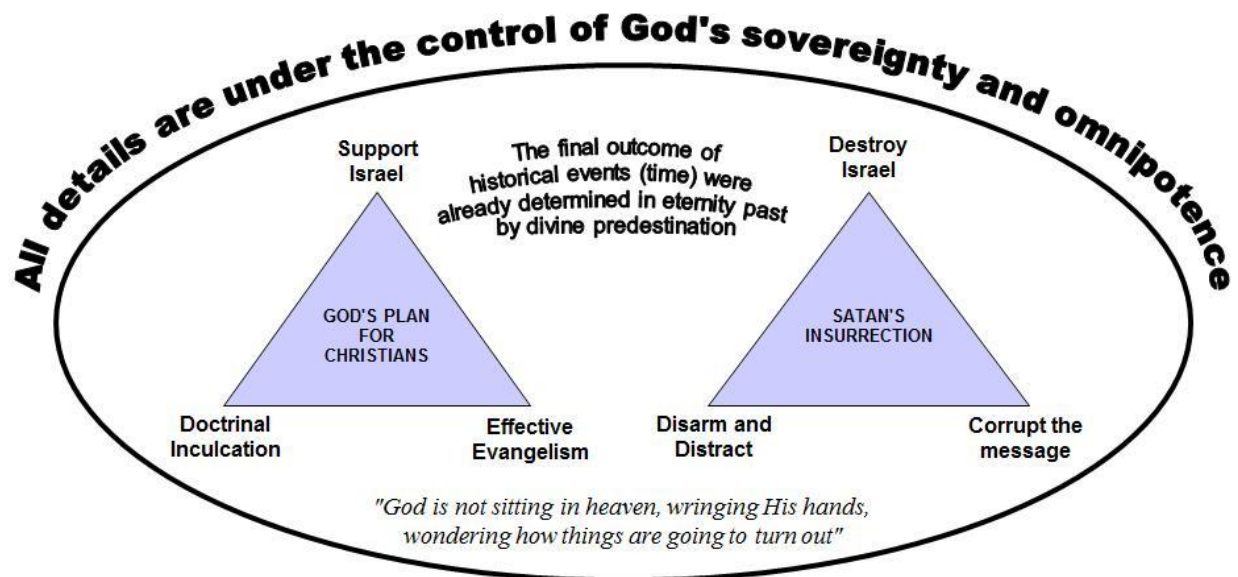
- Is the Arab Spring a precursor to the forming of an Islamic caliphate? Should we be worried about such an alliance?
- If God is protecting Israel, why should we support them and thereby encourage the Arabs to raise oil prices?
- Is it a just and honorable thing to show respect to Islam, or does God have a different perspective on the matter?

Chapter 13

THINK ABOUT IT



- Does Jesus Christ control history, or does man control history by a complex of billions of interlocking autonomous free wills?
- When we say "God is in control" do we really mean it, or do we have exceptions in mind?
- Can the sovereignty of God and human responsibility be reconciled? Does it matter if we completely understand it or not?

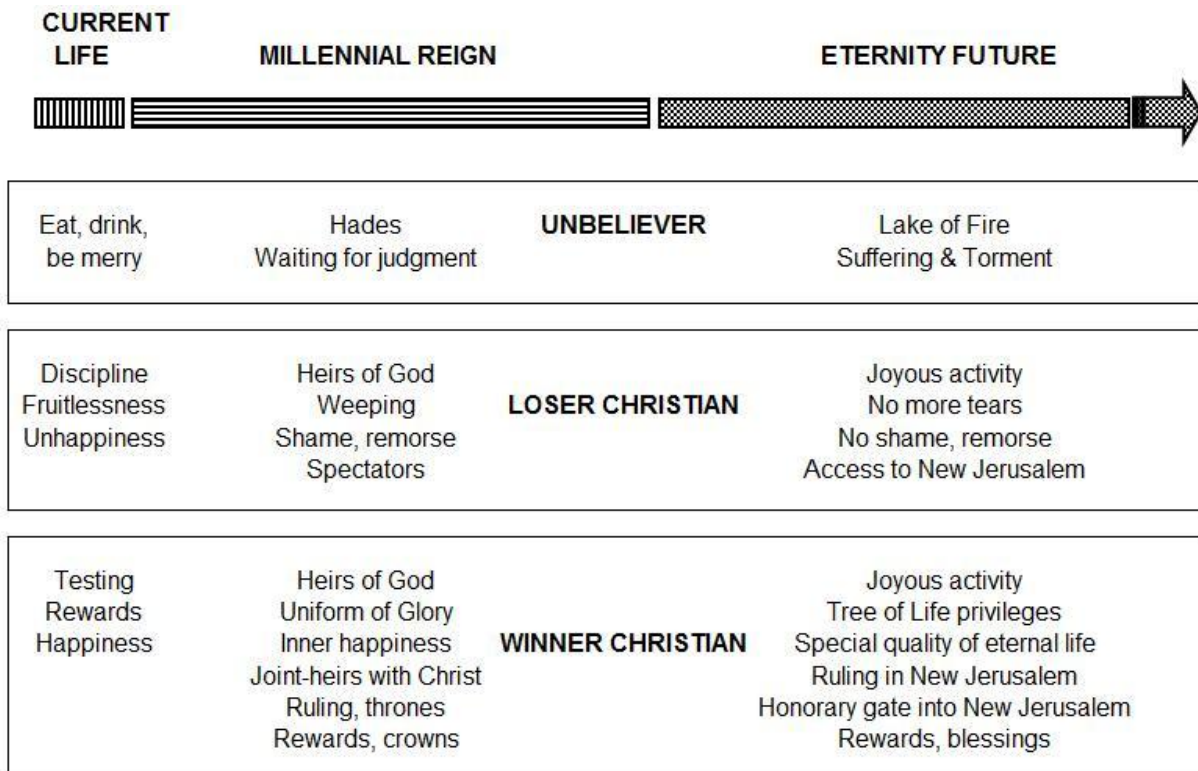


Chapter 14

THINK ABOUT IT



- What's the difference between a winner and loser believer? Is it worth the effort to become a winner?
- After the Judgment Seat of Christ, will you be treated with favor or merely tolerated by the Lord?
- What do you take to heaven with you after you die?
- Is the time investment in Bible study really worth it?



Chapter 15

THINK ABOUT IT



- *Eat, drink, and be merry* is the only happiness that unbelievers will ever experience.
- We are commanded to love our enemies, but we are also commanded to hate evil as well as those who commit evil. How do we reconcile these contradictory commands?
- We are not fighting against mere flesh and blood, but against invisible demonic forces. What are our weapons?

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| Psalm 97:10 | Let those who love the Lord <i>hate</i> evil |
| Psalm 119:105 | <i>Hate</i> every wrong path |
| Psalm 119:163 | <i>Hate</i> and abhor falsehood |
| Proverbs 8:13 | To fear the Lord is to <i>hate</i> evil, pride, arrogance, perverse speech |
| Proverbs 13:5 | The righteous <i>hate</i> what is false |
| Ecclesiastes 3:8 | A time to love and a time to <i>hate</i> |
| Amos 5:5 | <i>Hate</i> evil |
| Romans 12:9 | <i>Hate</i> what is evil |

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| Psalm 139:21 | <i>Hate</i> those who hate the Lord and rise up against Him |
| Psalm 139:22 | Have nothing but <i>hatred</i> for those who hate the Lord. Count them as your enemies |

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| Psalm 5:5 | God <i>hates</i> those who do wrong |
| Psalm 5:6 | God <i>hates</i> those who tell lies and are deceitful |
| Psalm 45:7 | God <i>hates</i> wickedness |
| Isaiah 61:8 | God <i>hates</i> robbery and iniquity |

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| Matt. 7:15 | Inwardly they are ferocious wolves |
| Matt. 7:23 | Away from Me, you evildoers! |
| Matt. 23:14 | You will receive the greater damnation |
| Matt. 23:15 | Child of hell |
| Matt. 23:16 | Woe to you, blind guides! |
| Matt. 23:17 | You fools |
| Matt. 23:2 | You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside, but on the inside are full of dead men's bones |
| Matt. 23:28 | Full of iniquity |
| Matt. 23:33 | You snakes! You brood of vipers! |
| Matt. 25:26 | You wicked, lazy servant! |
| Matt. 25:41 | Depart from Me, you who are cursed! |
| Mark 7:6 | You hypocrites |
| Mark 11:17 | Den of robbers |
| Mark 13:22 | False christs and false prophets |
| Mark 14:21 | Betrayers |
| Luke 6:45 | Evil men |
| Luke 9:41 | Unbelieving and perverse generation |
| Luke 11:29 | This is a wicked generation |
| Luke 11:39 | Full of greed and wickedness, foolish people |
| John 8:44 | You belong to your father, the devil |

| HYPOTHETICAL PROBLEM | | | SPIRITUAL SOLUTION | | |
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