# God is breaking "the pride of our power", USA. Leviticus 26:19



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<u>Summary:</u> What is happening to America and Britain? And why? The leading tribes of Israel were the 2 sons of Joseph – Ephraim and Manasseh. Where are they today? Could America really be omitted from prophecy, while Egypt, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Syria, Persia (Iran) are mentioned by name? <u>See how God's curses have started on a nation that kicked God out of the social discourse</u>, from the government, from schools, etc. I also discuss what each of us needs to be doing about it all.

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Have you been watching the news about Afghanistan? What a colossal, shameful blunder and incompetence! As I speak this, on Aug 25, 2021, we don't know yet what happens before, on, or after Aug 31, 2021.... But it won't be good. It's already a debacle. There could be carnage — inflicted on our brave marines and Rangers.

#### **Leviticus 26:18-19**

'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 I will break the pride of your power;

You think that's a message intended for the Jews from God? I'll start talking about how this is a message mostly to USA and Britain, and to some extent also to the Jews in the nation called "Israel". So keep listening and reading....

With the stain seared on to our national soul caused by some very cowardly and poor decisions in Afghanistan, we need to hear about this and what God prophesied. I believe the events in Afghanistan will have far, far reaching consequences — both to our standing in the world and to the door being opened wide for terrorism within our own country as we have never seen before.

I believe before this is all done — this will be far worse than the way we got out of **Vietnam and the Saigon embassy**. Far worse than **the Cuban Bay of Pigs** debacle under Kennedy. I believe this may be far worse than the Iran Hostage situation before it's all done. In my lifetime, and I'm coming close to age 70, I haven't seen such bad decisions and imperiling the lives of thousands of Americans, Europeans and Afghans who helped us

the past 20 years. By the way, 50,000 Afghan soldiers have died in the past 20 years, fighting for their country.

And how about our open southern border? If MS13 gang members can come in Biden's open door on our southern border, so can Al Qaeda or ISIS or anyone. So we'll talk about that today — because I think you and I have some things to be getting in order in our lives and get prepared for some very rough days and years ahead of us.

(NOTE: there's much more commentary and explanation in the audio than I could not include in this written portion)

Our allies are heaping scorn on America right now. I believe NATO and EUROPE will turn against America, build up their own armies, make their own decisions, and eventually cast-off America and be part of its total destruction someday. Yes, that's what I said. Prophecy in the Bible indicates the collapse of USA and Britain in the last days —but they're under Biblical names.

Surely our powerful allies in Europe must be wondering what President Biden would do if China attacks Taiwan — which I believe they will do, probably sooner now than they had thought. If we can't stand up to a rag-tag bunch of thugs — the Taliban — how will he stand up to Russia or China, or Iran or North Korea? President Biden is risk averse, so the rest of his presidency as far as China, Russia, Europe etc. are concerned could be troubling.

Realize we gave the Taliban \$85 BILLION dollars' worth of war gear. I heard — if the number is correct, 600,000 rifles (AR-15) and ammo, and mortars, missiles, helicopters, our own armored vehicles ... oh my word... what have we done?

SO – was this foretold in the Bible? In a general way, YES. But you have to see where America and Britain and much of Europe figure in.

America and Britain and Europe and more – are all mentioned in the Bible. They're just under old names. In fact, much is said about America and other leading nations.

**I believe the House of Israel is America and Britain** – **through the sons of Joseph,** as I'll explain more in a few minutes. We have been leading and riding Europe for the past 76 years, but I believe within the coming 7-9 years, you'll see them reject us and Europe will no longer trust us and may even have a big hand in destroying America and Britain.

Here's the back story to how America is mentioned in the Bible.

Israel – originally called Jacob, the son of Isaac – had 12 sons who became 12 tribes in one kingdom of Israel under Saul, then David, then Solomon. But in the reign of Solomon's son -Rehoboam – the northern 10 tribes headed by Ephraim, one of Joseph's 2 sons – rebelled and became the House of Israel. Judah and Levi and Benjamin formed the southern kingdom of House of Judah. The house of Israel often fought against the House of Judah. Most Christians don't seem to know this.

I've even heard people say, "Abraham was a Jew". What nonsense. Jews are from the tribe of Judah, or tribe of Judah more broadly. Abraham was Judah's great-grandfather!

Over time, the house of Israel – the northern 10 tribes – were taken into slavery and captivity as punishment by God for their sins in 721-718 BC by the Assyrians. Because they didn't keep their signs of their identity given by God – especially having the true God as their God, and the sign of the 7th day sabbath and the sign of circumcision – they seem to have been lost to history. <u>They're not lost. They moved on – finally settling into Northwestern Europe and Americas.</u>

If you wish to learn more about this, try to find the **books by Steven M. Collins** that go in depth. https://stevenmcollins.com/

Get his book "The 'Lost' Ten Tribes of Israel...Found"

Then about 115 years+ (roughly) after House of Israel's (northern 10 tribes) captivity to Assyria, then the house of Judah was also taken into captivity and slavery to BABYLON. But they came back to the land of Judah/Israel 70 years later and did not lose their identity and kept their identifying signs. Remember all Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews! (North Carolinians are Americans, but not all Americans are from N Caroline).

But yes, the descendants of the so-called "lost 10 tribes of Israel" — are very present with us. Let me read Genesis 49:1-2, when Jacob — renamed Israel by God — said his 12 sons would have a presence in the last days, so that means — they must be around on the world stage.

## **Genesis 49:1-2**

<u>"And Jacob called his sons and said</u>, "Gather together, <u>that I may tell you</u> <u>what shall befall you in the LAST DAYS.</u> Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob and listen to Israel your father."

That verse 1 — "what shall befall you in the LAST DAYS" should tell us there are around on the world scene. It's inconceivable that the Bible would mention Ethiopia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iran (Persia) and many others by name — but somehow not mention the USA, Britain, Russia, Germany, China and more? Oh no, all of those are in the Bible, but just under different names. I will give sermons on this in the coming months.

Anyway, in the rest of Gen 49, Israel/Jacob explains what will befall his sons in the LAST DAYS — and that includes most of the northwestern European countries like Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Ireland, Switzerland — and USA. But not Germany, not Poland, not Greece, not Italy or Spain.

**Genesis 49:22-26 is all about Israel's son-- Joseph.** Read it for yourself please. That is speaking of USA and Britain.

The greatest of Israel's 12 sons became Joseph — whose 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh — who were considered co-equal to their uncles, equal tribes. I'll read it in a minute.

**Let me just say that NO nation could possibly be Joseph and his 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh – except USA and Britain**, and closely-related countries like Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. They were to be GREAT – the greatest – in the end time, **until the time came when God himself would make them drop like a rock because they have rejected God and his laws and his Way**.

Just read <u>Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26</u> to understand that God gives us blessings if we are predominantly a God-fearing people, and he sends disastrous curses when we are not. America did start that way, with its 13 states or colonies – though those colonies also had some serious problems.

But America and the others I've mentioned, have kicked God out of the social discourse. He's been removed from our schools, our government, the public arena — and then we wonder WHY God is "allowing" so much trouble? Are you kidding me? God is not just being a Gentleman and giving us our way — he's angry. And he's sending the curses now.

# And the curses have just started.

One of the things God Most High says, among many curses, is that we will lose the pride of our power. That means we are known for our power but can't use it and become the laughing stock of the world.

But let me show you what happened when Israel (Jacob) talked to his grandsons by Joseph. First, Joseph – was #2 in command in Egypt at the time and brought his 2 sons to his father Israel.

And note that the name "Israel" was not given to Judah – but to the son Joseph via Joseph's 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh, by Israel (Jacob) himself. Let's read the verses now, as a foundation, so I can hopefully later this year, explain how Joseph – the favorite son of Jacob/Israel – took on the name "Israel" especially through his younger son Ephraim, which headed up the House of Israel when they rebelled against Solomon's son. Ephraim was Joseph's younger son. Now look what God says through Israel/Jacob.

# **Genesis 48:1-5**

Now it came to pass after these things that Joseph was told, "Indeed your father is sick"; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh, and Ephraim. 2 And Jacob was told, "Look, your son Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel strengthened himself and sat up on the bed.

3 Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, 4 and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.' 5 **And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.** 

#### Genesis 48:12-16

12 So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. 13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand and brought them near him.

14 Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 And he blessed Joseph, and said:

"God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day, 16 The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil,

**Bless the lads:** 

LET MY NAME (Israel) be named upon THEM,

And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

What I will end with now will take time to happen completely – but in just a few short months and years. *America will not permanently recover from this ignominy in Afghanistan – or if it does "recover", it will be illusory and not last long.* 

**But just keep in mind, after Solomon's death – the 12 tribes of Israel became 2 kingdoms.** The northern Kingdom of Israel – 10 tribes dominated by Ephraim (Joseph's son) -- and the southern Kingdom of Judah – led by Judah, Levi. These 2 kingdoms often were at war with one another – when Israel (northern 10) fought Judah – the Jews – the southern Kingdom.

More on that in a future sermon. The pride of our power is GONE. We're taking commands from the Taliban now in Kabul. How shameful, how humiliating. This is part of God's punishment on America for our sins.

Right now no nation has the wealth, military resources and capability, and power more than the USA. Add Britain and Canada, Australia, New Zealand to that — and we could look with "pride" on our navy, air force, aircraft carriers, our weaponry, our strength, world dominance, and more. The pride in that power is plummeting.

<u>That pride – starting now – will be forever broken and nowhere near what it was</u>. I urge you again to read Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, the Blessings and Curses chapters. Let's read Leviticus 26, starting verse 17. Remember these are GOD'S words, spoken through Moses:

Here's a small portion of the curses. God is speaking to America and Britain today.

With this shameful, humiliating, **awful end to the Afghan war – where basically America and its NATO allies have surrendered to a rag-tag group of Taliba**n, who are now ARMED with \$86 BILLION worth of the best weaponry in the world handed to them by the Afghan army....

**I heard that the Taliban now has more US-made Blackhawk attack helicopters than Australia HAS!** Plus we've given them night vision equipment, armored vehicles, thousands of our latest assault weapons and ammo, helicopters, aircraft, Bagram air force base — which is the size of a small US CITY. We've built their roads, railroads, and transportation for them. We've educated their peoples for 20 years.

Afghanistan now has more power and war equipment than most of their surrounding neighbors except China. Here's part of the prophesied curses in Lev 26 against America.

**Leviticus 26:17-21** 

"I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies.

Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.

18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 I will break the pride of your power;

I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain;

for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit. 21 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins."

COVID19 was supposed to be an alarm going off, our wake-up call from God. But we haven't turned to God. Nothing changed! There are going to be MANY more pandemics coming, and far worse than Covid19. You better be ready.

In spite of God's curses, his <u>own people</u> can remain in PEACE of mind. I will speak on that next. "Peace in Troubling Times". Be sure to hear it.

## Isaiah 26:2-6

Open the gates,

That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

3 You will keep him in perfect peace,

Whose mind is stayed on You,

Because he trusts in You.

4 Trust in the LORD (YHVH) forever,

For in Yah, YHVH, is everlasting strength.

5 For He brings down those who dwell on high,

The lofty city; He lays it low,

He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down —

The feet of the poor and the steps of the needy."

<u>Let's read another warning from the prophet Ezekiel – written to the Land of Israel.</u> Remember the northern 10 tribes - the HOUSE of Israel – AND the House of Judah – had long gone into captivity by *this point when we read Ezekiel's words.* House of Israel was forced into slavery to Assyria, and then the House of Judah to Babylon – both in the LAND area known today as Iraq.

But the Israelites and Jews eventually spread out from there. They didn't stay in modern-day Iraq.

**My point is:** Remember and know that when Ezekiel writes what I'm about to read — there was no "land of Israel" anymore — as Israelites and Jews alike had long been taken into captivity, *including Ezekiel HIMSELF! So it's for a future time.* The book of Ezekiel is not about any prophecy for Israel in his own time. They had long gone already.

As we read this judgment from God upon Israel – which I believe is spoken today against AMERICA primarily – understand that the *purpose* of all these

spankings from God is to wake us up, turn us back to him and to let us know HE LIVES, He is Sovereign, and HE is the one true God. We'll read "THEN they will know that I am the LORD" several times.

By this point, God has had enough of our ongoing, constant sinning against him. So the curses and breaking the pride of our power has begun. I'll address later what each of us need to be doing now.

# **Ezekiel 7 NIV**

The Word of YHVH came to me: 2 "Son of man, this is what Adonai YHVH (Lord GOD) says to the land of Israel: <u>The end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.</u>

- 3 The end is now upon you, and I will unleash my anger against you. I will judge you according to your conduct and repay you for all your detestable practices.
- 4 I will not look on you with pity or spare you; I will surely repay you for your conduct and the detestable practices among you. Then you will know that I am YHVH.
- 5 "This is what Adonai YHVH (Lord GOD) says: Disaster! An unheard of disaster is coming. 6 **The end has come! The end has come! It has roused itself against you. It has come!**
- **7 Doom has come upon you** you who dwell in the land. **The time has come, the day is near; there is panic, not joy, upon the mountains.** 8 **I am about to pour out my wrath on you and spend my anger against you**; I will judge you according to your conduct and repay you for all your detestable practices.
- 9 I will not look on you with pity or spare you; I will repay you in accordance with your conduct and the detestable practices among you. Then you will know that it is I, YHVH, who strikes the blow.
- 10 "The day is here! It has come! Doom has burst forth, the rod has budded, arrogance has blossomed! 11 Violence has grown into a rod to punish wickedness; none of the people will be left, none of that crowd no wealth, nothing of value. 12 The time has come; the day has arrived. Let not the buyer rejoice nor the seller grieve, for wrath is upon the whole crowd.
- 13 The seller will not recover the land he has sold as long as both of them live, for the vision concerning the whole crowd will not be reversed. **Because of their sins, not one of them will preserve his life.**
- 14 Though they blow the trumpet and get everything ready, no one will go into battle, for my wrath is upon the whole crowd. (These will most likely START soon but take some years to come to full fruition).
- 15 "Outside is the sword, inside are plague and famine; those in the country will die by the sword, and those in the city will be devoured by famine and plague. 16 All who survive, and escape will be in the mountains, moaning like doves of the valleys, each because of his sins.

17 Every hand will go limp, and every knee will become as weak as water. 18 They will put on sackcloth and be clothed with terror. Their faces will be covered with shame and their heads will be shaved.

19 They will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be an unclean thing. Their silver and gold will not be able to save them in the day of the LORD's wrath. They will not satisfy their hunger or fill their stomachs with it, for it has made them stumble into sin.

20 They were proud of their beautiful jewelry and used it to make their detestable idols and vile images. Therefore I will turn these into an unclean thing for them. 21 I will hand it all over as plunder to foreigners and as loot to the wicked of the earth, and they will defile it.

22 I will turn my face away from them, and they will desecrate my treasured place; robbers will enter it and desecrate it.

23 "Prepare chains, because the land is full of bloodshed and the city is full of violence. 24 I will bring the most wicked of the nations to take possession of their houses; I will put an end to the pride of the mighty, and their sanctuaries will be desecrated.

25 When terror comes, they will seek peace, but there will be none. 26 Calamity upon calamity will come, and rumor upon rumor. They will try to get a vision from the prophet; the teaching of the law by the priest will be lost, as will the counsel of the elders.

27 The king will mourn, the prince will be clothed with despair, and the hands of the people of the land will tremble. I will deal with them according to their conduct, and by their own standards I will judge them. Then they will know that I am YHVH (the LORD)."

What should YOU and I be doing RIGHT NOW — and in the coming weeks and months as God's spankings begin? PRAY, pray, pray as never before. REPENT of any ongoing sins and sinful habits you have. Turn around and seek him. ASK him to let you find him and for him to be with you and your family. Let him know you seek his love and forgiveness. Pray for our country — and your country. SEEK your Creator as never before.

The time of reckoning has started and will unfold in its ever-increasing severity for some years to come. Prepare now. Most importantly – prepare spiritually. But also prepare for being as ready as you can for the time of empty store shelves, for no gas at the pump, for calamity upon calamity in the next 7-9 years or more especially. But most of all, TRUST in God – not in your physical preparations. **And hear my next sermon – Peace in Troubling Times.** And may God be with you and your loved ones and all of you in Afghanistan.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**