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WILL IT BE OUR GENERATION?

We shared in the article “The Second Reason”, two of the reasons why Satan desires to bankrupt the United States. If you missed the past articles, they are available at the paper office or on the World Wide Web at bayourouge.net.

The amazing thing is that most of the citizens of the United States are allowing Satan to slowly but methodically bankrupt us without opposition. Many are his willing associates. The Bible reveals that we are not the first country to fall for Satan’s methods as he works toward our demise. One of the nations that come to mind is Israel.

“1 This word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 Rise up, be off to the potter's house; there I will give you my message. 3 I went down to the potter's house and there he was, working at the wheel. 4 Whenever the object of clay which he was making turned out badly in his hand, he tried again, making of the clay another object of whatever sort he pleased. 5 Then the word of the Lord came to me: 6 Can I not do to you, house of Israel, as this potter has done? says the LORD. Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel. 7 Sometimes I threaten to uproot and tear down and destroy a nation or a kingdom. 8 But if that nation which I have threatened turns from its evil, I also repent of the evil which I threatened to do. 9 Sometimes, again, I promise to build up and plant a nation or a kingdom. But if that nation does what is evil in my eyes, refusing to obey my voice, I repent of the good with which I promised to bless it. 11 And now, tell this to the men of Judah and the citizens of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Take care! I am fashioning evil against you and making a plan. Return, each of you, from his evil way; reform your ways and your deeds. 12 But they will say, "No use! We will follow our own devices; each one of us will behave according to the stubbornness of his evil heart!" 13 Therefore thus says the LORD: Ask among the nations- who has ever heard the like? Truly horrible things has virgin Israel done! 14 ² Does the snow of Lebanon desert the rocky heights? Do the gushing waters dry up that flow fresh down the mountains? 15 Yet my people have forgotten me: they burn incense to a thing that does not exist. They stumble out of their ways, the paths of old, To travel on bypaths, not the beaten track. 16 Their land shall be turned into a desert, an object of lasting ridicule: All passers-by will be amazed, will shake their heads. 17 Like the east wind, I will scatter them before their enemies; I will show them my back, not my face, in their day of disaster. 18 "Come," they said, "let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah. It will not mean the loss of instruction from the priests, nor of counsel from the wise, nor of messages from the prophets. And so, let us destroy him by his own tongue; let us carefully note his every word." 19 Heed me, O LORD, and listen to what my adversaries say.

How have we gotten to this state?

We shared in the last article (Will It Be Our Generation?), why the citizens of the United States of America are allowing Satan to slowly but methodically bankrupt us. If

you missed the past article, it is available at the paper office or on the World Wide Web at bayourouge.net.

How can Satan bankrupt the United States? Does he have to overcome God in order to accomplish that goal? No! Right now Satan has carefully placed many of his children (the lost) in strategic places in our government, in our financial institutions, in our educational system and in our news media.

Satan has even carefully placed many of his children in churches both in the pew and in the pulpit.

Why is God allowing Satan to do that? Satan is following the “Balaam” plan. *“Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality.” Revelation 2:14 New International Version*

Balaam was a prophet in the Old Testament that was approached by King Balak and promised great reward if he would curse God’s people. We find in the 22nd through the 25th chapters of the book of Numbers, however, that every time Balaam would try to curse the Hebrew Theocracy God would stop him.

Will God’s wrath fall upon the United States in particular and the world in general during our generation? We know it is going to happen. The question is, when.