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TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-10, Romans 8:19-21

Genesis 1:1-4 is a description of God's first week in creating of the earth. In Genesis 1:1-4 we are told, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness."* When God created the earth, everything He created was good. This means it was created by a God of holiness and righteousness for His purposes and as a result, the earth can only tolerate so much sin before devastation destroys it! At the point the land becomes defiled it is filled with iniquity or it has taken all the sin that it can stand and then it begins to cry out for a change of inhabitants. So the creation has some of the characteristics of the Creator. Like God Himself, it was created in righteousness and holiness. The earth can only stand so much defilement and then it begins to cry out for deliverance. Fullness of iniquity is the primary judicial trigger in Scripture. Whether it is with people, with creation or with cities, states or nations, fullness of iniquity is the precipitating point of judgment that allows one group of people to conquer another. Once we realize that, it is sobering how full of iniquity our nation currently is.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Scripture: Genesis 4:7-12

In Genesis 4:7-9 we are told, *"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is Abel your brother?' He said, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'"* In this passage, we discover two brothers, sons of Adam and Eve. Cain has been warned that sin lies at the door and he has to overcome it. His problem escalated as he yielded to it instead of overcoming it. The result of yielding to that sin caused the creation to register a complaint concerning the sin. And the creation cried out for justice/judgment on the perpetrator. Verses 10-12 state, *"And He said, 'What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.'" Isn't it interesting that the earth itself cried out for judgment based on blood that was shed? If that is true, how much trouble is a nation in that has thus far shed the blood of 55,000,000 aborted children? Man might call it 'family planning,' but I suspect God calls it something else. Every politician that supports it and every voter who elects them bears some responsibility and the earth is crying against them for judgment. I am glad to be free of that indictment. It is time to repent for passivity.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-13

In Genesis 6:5-13 we are told, *"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the*

earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, 'The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'" Here in Genesis 6, we again find the assertion of the same principle. When the earth fills with iniquity, it demands relief through covenant judgment. That relief in Noah's time came through the flood. Verse 13 makes it very clear when God said, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them..." Their sin of filling the earth with violence demanded the judgment that ended their lives. Thank God Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord!

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-29

Genesis 1:26-29 says, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[a] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' And God said, 'See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.'" It is obvious that God made man in His own image. In His image and likeness He made us and gave us dominion over the birds of the air, the cattle and over all the earth. So just like God is a Creator, when man was made in God's image, He made us with an authority and gave us dominion that enables us to create. He also gave us the command to subdue the earth. So the question is, how far does that creative ability go and what happens when that creative ability is used to create evil, sin or iniquity? The answer is obvious – it takes us to a place of judgment. And how rapidly are we getting there as a nation? The answer is clear by looking at our culture and how far it has departed from the Lord.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-4

Genesis 11:1-4 says, "Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'" The whole earth had one language and everyone could speak to each other and come to agreement if they so choose. And they agreed to build a city and a tower. But the height they were going to build it, according to historical calculations, was above the height of the water in the flood. It seems the whole purpose of the tower and the city was to build it above what God could reduce it to in judgment. Consequently, we see the foundation of the rebellion against God in the building of that man-made tower.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Scripture: Genesis 11:4-9

Verses 5-9 state, "But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, 'Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth." This is perhaps one of the most

powerful comments on the ability of people to come into agreement, even when that agreement is in rebellion to God. We are told in verse 4, *“Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”* The Lord came down to look at what the men were doing. He knew their purpose and He knew nothing would be withheld from them, because they were made in His image and likeness. Therefore the answer to thwart the rebellion was to change their ability to agree together. So everyone received a different language. Agreement stopped and rebellion was thwarted. But take note of the power man was given in the ability to create – even to create evil – because of being made in the image and likeness of God.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Scripture: Genesis 15:13-16

In Genesis 15:13-16 we are told, *“Then He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.’”* This passage describes a longstanding principle in God's Word – when God gave man the Promised Land, he could not take it until the previous inhabitants had filled it with iniquity. Once it was full of iniquity, then the inhabitants could not defend their land. And that becomes an issue for us in this day. How rapidly are we approaching fullness of iniquity? And what happens when we do reach that point? Are we seeing attacks? Are we seeing enemies rise up against us that seem unstoppable? Is the reason they are rapidly gaining ground because we will not repent? If the reason is fullness of iniquity, then physical solutions will not work. Physical solutions will not work for spiritual problems. Political solutions will not work for spiritual problems. Only spiritual solutions work for spiritual problems. And the spiritual solution is obvious – it is to repent. It is to turn from evil and arise with pure hearts and contend for truth. If we repent of our evil and turn from it, then He will heal our land. It may be a difficult thing to do, but it is necessary for the church at this point in time over the course and destiny of the nation. When a nation reaches fullness of iniquity, the land vomits a people out. Regardless of a nation's strength or their defenses, if fullness of iniquity has been reached the Word shows time and again, people fall to enemy conquest. The Roman Empire was the strongest nation on earth, but when it was full of iniquity it was over. God is the same yesterday, today and forever and there is no shadow of turning in Him. America in its formation started out serving God but has departed. We must repent and turn and do it soon. Repentance is our only salvation!

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Scripture: Leviticus 11:43,44

Leviticus 11:43,44 says, *“You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them. For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”* These verses were a wise warning that many animals were disease carriers and all those who ate carrion were considered defiled. These prohibitions were given as part of the dietary laws. All the animals who fed on the dead were to be avoided. God said to sanctify ourselves and be holy, for He is holy. We are not to defile ourselves or the land that He gave us to live in. Because God is holy, His creation is holy and it is therefore possible to defile a holy creation by choosing to sin against God by violating His Word.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Scripture: Leviticus 20:1-5

In Leviticus 20:1-5, the Lord begins to outline what fills a nation with iniquity so we are aware of it and can avoid and prevent it. Verses 1-5 outlines that the shedding of innocent blood on a land fills it with iniquity. Sacrificing innocent children is a deed worthy of death. If Abel's blood cried out against Cain, then what is the effect of the 55,000,000 children that have been murdered in America? What does the culmination of all their voices sound like in heaven against the United States? And where does the responsibility lie? Every person who supports a politician who supports

abortion bears some of that weight. What does the voice of those innocent children sound like crying out for judgment against the voters who are supporting those who set and keep who keep abortion laws in place? How long until we see God's Hand move in their behalf? We have a job to do – we need to seriously pray.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Scripture: Leviticus 20:6-8

Verses 6-8 state, *“And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you.”* This passage describes demon worship, familiar spirits and New Age. It is every bit as bad as abortion and our nation is full of it. It has the same penalty – it fills the land with iniquity. Satan-worship has grown to the point where certain military personnel demand satanic chaplains! Can America win wars with demon-worshipping chaplains and homosexual soldiers? George Washington certainly did not think so and immediately court marshalled such behavior!

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Scripture: Leviticus 20:9

Leviticus 20:9 describes the rebellion of the drug culture. Does America have a drug problem? We absolutely do. One major reason South American drug cartels are in business is because of the American appetite for drugs. However, that appetite does not seem to be diminishing. This should be another focus of our prayers, ‘Lord, give us a revival that shuts down the appetite for drugs in our people. Help, Oh God!’ Drugs defile the land and contribute to fullness of iniquity.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture: Leviticus 20:9-24

This passage points to the issue of sexual sin. Every part and layer of it. From adultery, homosexuality, pedophilia, bestiality, etc. Verse 22 makes it very clear, *“You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out.”* Premarital sex is so common in our culture it fails to even raise eyebrows. In 2003, several studies showed that less than 5% of Americans had abstained from sexual sin at the time of their first marriage, and it is likely that rate has only lessened over time. We see a cultural movement toward not only protecting but *encouraging* homosexuality. Sexual sin fills a land with iniquity until it cries out for judgment against the people filling it. When ungodly Democratic and Republican politicians support changing God's definition of marriage, they further open the doors to judgment on our land. No Godly nation has ever survived rebellion against God in this arena. We either turn or we lose the nation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Scripture: Leviticus 18:26-28

Leviticus 18:26-28 says, *“You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you.”* How clear is it when a passage tells us to not repeat the mistakes of the nations who lost their land because they filled it with iniquity? We are told to avoid the sin that causes the nation to vomit us out. Do not defile the land in which you are living! Anyone who sheds innocent blood, commits sexual sin, enters into demon worship, New Age or the rebellion of the drug culture contributes to the defiling of the land and the promise of Scripture is that God will cut us off. Being cut off is a one way ticket to death, destruction and hell. But the good news is, repentance can change that. Jesus paid the price for our mistakes. No one wants to stop defiling the land with iniquity unless they understand the consequences.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Scripture: Romans 8:18-26

Romans 8:18-26 says, *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”* The creation groans to be set free from the sin that is being poured out on it, even as we speak. When we do not know how to pray, the Holy Spirit helps us pray and makes intercession according to the will of God to free the land and free the culture so we can continue and flourish in the land. Many lack discernment of how full of iniquity we really are. Are we a year away from judgment? A month? A day? The greatest asset that God has ever given us in an hour where we lack clear knowledge is praying in the Spirit. There is a reason to pray in tongues, and a reason God gave us that gift. Praying in tongues can carry us to salvation if we will trust in the Lord and enter into that dimension of prayer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Scripture: Isaiah 56:1,2, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Isaiah 56:1,2 says, *“Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”* This passage is an exhortation of how to walk in righteousness. Do judgment, do righteousness and we get a chance to bring deliverance and freedom to the land. Living in righteousness enables us to do judgment. Are we ready for that? 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 tell us what to avoid to qualify for the Kingdom. *“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-4

Isaiah 55:1-4 says, *“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people.”* This is an offer for every believer to come and make a covenant with God – the covenant of Sure Mercy of David. Making a covenant with God over the Sure Mercies of David enables us to walk in anointed confidence and to pray for salvation in the last days and call forth the deliverance that is promised in that covenant. We become agents of salvation if we say yes to the covenant of Sure Mercy.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Scripture: Isaiah 55:5-7

Verses 5-7 state, *“Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the Lord your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you. Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him*

return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.” First we are told to come make a covenant then we are told that David is our example. But what kind of example is he? He is an example of someone who committed adultery and murder. He is an example because he broke half of the Ten Commandments, yet it was mercy that carried him beyond the law and past judgment. His example of repentance and restoration becomes our model to walk redemptively. So in David's life, we have God establishing a principle that regardless of the sin, in response to our repentance He will wash us and brush us with hyssop and make us as white as snow. The covenant of Sure Mercy empowers us to be an agent of mercy and deliverance when judgment is needed. He gives us time and space to gain a harvest so we do not have to lose the land. I trust we will take full advantage of that because we need to!

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8-11

Verses 8-11 state, *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ‘For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”* From these verses we know that the Word consistently works when we put it in our mouths. If we choose to renew our mind with God's Word and put it in our mouth, the promise is, it will work for us and be an awesome blessing. Speaking God's Word is like sowing seed that will produce a harvest. Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit!

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Scripture: Isaiah 55:12,13

Isaiah 55:12,13 states, *“For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the Lord for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”* If a nation is cursed and has the judgment of God on it because of sin and rebellion there is a path of escape. In the book of Jonah, the people of Nineveh *“...believed God and put on sackcloth from the least to the greatest of them...”*, including Nineveh's king. Jonah 3:10 says, *“Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.”* By corporately walking out repentance and again embracing God's covenant, we as with Nineveh can turn our nation with God's Word and reverse the curse. But in order for the curse to be reversed, judgment needs to fall selectively on unrepentant individuals in order to cleanse it.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-9

2 Samuel 7:1-9 is an account of the original offer of the covenant of Sure Mercy to King David. In 2 Samuel 7:9 God says, *“I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth.”* The word translated *“cut off”* is biblical terminology for ‘judged and removed.’ God cut off those individuals who steadfastly refused to repent and end their attempts toward David's destruction. God's covenant mercy to David put his enemies in the grave when they would not relent. And we have David's same covenant. We have to understand that God does not change – He is the same yesterday, today and forever. And He will cut off the enemies of His purposes who refuse to turn! Once we understand that, then we understand why David asked God to cut off his enemies. The Psalms are full of prayers asking God to cut off David's enemies. Regarding an enemy that is full of iniquity and will not relent, we have the authority to ask God to cut them off when we are led by the Spirit. If we are pure, secure and mature in our walk with the Lord, we can by Holy Spirit direction assert the covenant of Sure Mercy and God's Hand will move in our behalf. We can ask God to cut off the

perpetrators who are intent on mocking God's purposes, filling the land with iniquity and destroying God's intended harvest. That is how we take the covenant of salt and preserve the land. But if the church does not know we can do that, when we approach fullness of iniquity it takes the judgment of God to save. Fullness of iniquity will destroy a land if the people do not ask God to save it by removing the perpetrators. Over and over again throughout the Bible, men and women have prayed, 'God, cut off the enemy! Have mercy on the nation, preserve Your people and cut off the enemy!' And over and over again, God did. God cut off the prophets of Baal in order to preserve the life of the nation. Judah, the southern kingdom, got an additional 110+ years of freedom over the northern kingdom because they repented and prayed and sought the judgment of God to remove the perpetrators. And God gave it to them! This is one huge benefit of the Word! Our Bible is a roadmap to bring people into the Kingdom. If judgment is required to save a land and save that harvest, we have to learn how to bring judgment from the Word. Under some circumstances, asking God to bless the guilty is the quickest way to guarantee their loss. Praying only blessing on people that are filling the land with iniquity enables evil and actually threatens the potential harvest.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:10-17

In 2 Samuel 7:10-17, the covenant of Sure Mercy says that if we have a failure, God will **not** take His mercy from us as He took it from Saul. The covenant of Sure Mercy means that when we truly and obediently acknowledge our sin and ask God for mercy, His covenant mercy will not only set us free from the penalty of that sin, but He will turn that situation around and He will make it a contribution to our future ministry. We may one day be empowered to judge the very sins we previously committed. God is amazing in His ability to redeem failure. It is in part the redemption of failure that causes people of other nations to want to run to us. If we practice the covenant of Sure Mercy and redeem the failures among us, then nations will run to us. That is the promise of Scripture. Isn't it time we said yes to it? God provided it and He is waiting for us to say yes to it.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Scripture: Acts 13:32-34

Acts 13:32-34 says, "*And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'* And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: '*I will give you the sure mercies of David.*'" Jesus, on Resurrection Day, offered a covenant of Sure Mercy. In the longest sermon Paul preached that was recorded in the New Testament, he declared the first words out of Jesus' mouth, 'I declare to you, the covenant of Sure Mercy is yours!' Every single person that chooses to believe in Jesus Christ has the personal promise of the Savior for the covenant. He gave us the covenant of Sure Mercy. God gave David the covenant of Sure Mercy, and in the New Testament Jesus in turn offered that covenant to us. As we move into the end-times, we should look much more like King David than anyone else! But we have to learn to war for righteousness' sake and pray judicially. If we can learn to pray like David prayed, we can get the results that David got.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Scripture: Matthew 23:25-33

In Matthew 23:25,26, Jesus began to lay down the principle of fullness. He said, "*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*" Then in verse 32,33 He said, "*Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?*" These Jewish leaders claimed to know God and yet they crucified His Son. Those actions filled the cup of iniquity that brought the most devastating judgment ever to come on mankind on the Jewish people. Josephus documented the Roman invasion of Titus and his legions

where parents ate their children trying to survive! That is history. They filled the land with iniquity, paving the way for Rome's eventual destruction. The Pharisees rejected the Carrier of The New Covenant but the good news is that in the last days the Jewish nation will be grafted in. So ultimately, mercy triumphs over judgment. But the judgment was pretty tough for 2,000+ years. All of history validates the principles of God's Word. History proves God's Word. Let's understand fullness so we can embrace it for God's purposes. The same fullness that governs iniquity and judgment also governs the harvest on the blessing side. We are promised in Scripture, the fullness of the Gentile harvest and the fullness of the Jewish harvest and mercy will triumph over judgment until we get that fullness of harvest.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Scripture: Matthew 23:34-36

Matthew 23:34-36 says, *"Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar."* In this passage Jesus explains how fullness of iniquity comes to a nation when He said He sent them prophets and wise men trying to get them to repent, but they abused them, crucified some, scourged others in the synagogues and persecuted them from city to city. What we see here is that God's surrendered people sometimes pay the price when the cup of iniquity in being filled. And when that cup is full, verse 35 says, *"...that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar."* While God brings obedient servants into His Kingdom and rewards them for their obedience, their mistreatment is what fills the cup that brings the judgment on a generation and on the nation. In 70 AD, they saw it! There is no doubt that it came just as Jesus declared it would. The question is, are we about to see history repeated? It is entirely possible we will if our nation refuses to turn.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Scripture: Matthew 23:37-39

Jesus wept over the condition of Jerusalem and we are told in verse 37, *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"* The house was left desolate because they would not turn and they were not willing to repent. Will we see that in America? We hope not, but at this point we seem to be following the path of Israel straight into judgment. We can pray and intercede, but have we reached the point where prayers for judgment on perpetrators may be the only way to save the land?

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture: Matthew 27:22-25

In Matthew 27:22-25 state, *"Pilate said to them, 'What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said to him, 'Let Him be crucified!' Then the governor said, 'Why, what evil has He done?' But they cried out all the more, saying, 'Let Him be crucified!' When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.' And all the people answered and said, 'His blood be on us and on our children.'" Pilate was trying to tell people that Jesus did not deserve to be crucified. But the people refused to heed. And in verse 25 they made this statement, *"His blood be on us and on our children."* That statement is important when we think about the Jewish people and what happened to them in 70 AD. Things got so bad some ate their own children to try and survive, according to Josephus. Look at what happened with Hitler. Look at the devastation and destruction that has come on the Jewish people as a result of that statement in verse 25. We cannot ignore this and in blindness believe that it will not happen in America if we do not turn. Repentance and restoration are what we must ask for because that is the only way out of our current march toward fullness of iniquity.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Scripture: Luke 21:20-24

Luke 21:20-24 states, *“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”* Jesus warned that the days of vengeance and the days of wrath and judgment were coming. He warned that the nation would fall by the edge of the sword, people would be led away captive and Jerusalem would be trampled by Gentiles. But there was a harvest coming out of the Gentiles and fullness would dictate that harvest. And here we are. Israel is back in the Holy Land. They have half of Jerusalem under their control, but the other half is Arab. We can still say that Jerusalem is partially trampled. The Gentile harvest is not yet full and it appears the Jews have to gain the whole city. We will see. But one thing is certain – we are in the end-times and marching rapidly toward the last days. Fullness of iniquity is rising throughout the earth. We are living in the season of the winding up of the age and what will we do? Will we do our part? I trust we will!

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-12

In 2 Peter 3:7-10 we are told what the situation is, *“But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”* God is keeping the earth and the nations in reserve for the day of judgment and fire on ungodly men. We are told that the Lord is not slack concerning His promise. He is longsuffering in order to gain more people as an eternal harvest. But the Day of the Lord cannot come until the harvest is finished. And when it is, the earth will be burned up by fire. We know that day is approaching. Are we preparing for it?

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Scripture: Revelation 6:9-12

Revelation 6:9-12 says, *“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the moon became like blood.”* This passage tells us that we will not get a new heavens and new earth until the old one is full of iniquity and it tells us what fills the present one with iniquity. What fills it is the blood of the martyrs in the church. Are we prepared for that? Have we told the Lord we are available to walk out His purpose and His plan? The only way I see of avoiding the martyrdom that fills the earth is to find a ‘Philadelphia church’ where we do not compromise the Spirit, we do not compromise the Word and we courageously persevere. ‘Philadelphia churches’ are hard to find.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-39, Matthew 13

Matthew 24:36-39 says, *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”* No one knows the day or hour of the Lord’s return, but this we know – it will be like the days of Noah. The flood was a judgment. And there will be a flood of judgment that comes and takes the wicked away. In Matthew 13, Jesus taught the parable of the sower. He said the angels will go out into the Kingdom and will remove all things that offend and those that practice lawlessness. *“Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”* That is a precipitating event prior to the end. Judgment is going to be manifest in the last days. The question is, are you and I doing our part in directing it where it is supposed to go? That is obviously the job of the church and we need to start doing it!

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Scripture: Matthew 24:40-44, Revelation 3:3

In Matthew 24:40-44 we are told, *“Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”* In this passage, the thief that is taking people away are the angels executing God's judgment. It is just like the church at Sardis in Revelation 3:3 where the Lord says, *“Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.”* The thief that Matthew is talking about is God's judgment. The angel that takes people away in the last days is the angel of God's judgment. The culture is going to be like it was in the days of Noah, and only the righteous will be able to stand. Only the righteous will be able to stand in the Day of Judgment. Are we going to be able to stand in the midst of judgment? God says we will, but the question is, are we preparing ourselves?

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