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*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14*

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IS THE WRITING ON THE WALL FOR US?

THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL! We are all familiar with this foreboding term. It means that a divine judgment is coming in the near future. It implies the beginning of the end. This awesome writing had its origin 2500 years ago in the year 539 BC in the ancient land of Babylon. It appeared on the walls of the palace of its king, Belshazzar, as he, his nobles and courtiers celebrated a great feast. Drunk with liquor and with power, the king ordered that the wine be served from the sacred vessels that had been stolen from Jerusalem by his grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar, nearly fifty years ago. The strange words were eventually interpreted by the prophet Daniel: "God has numbered the days of your kingdom, and brought it to an end. You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." That very night Belshazzar was slain and his kingdom fell to the Medes and Persians. Out of the blue, it seemed, he was to be punished for the sins he had committed against God: His pride, his profanity of sacred things, and his worship of false gods. What about us? Are we guilty of any or all of these sins against God too? Let us consider.

Our Greatest Sin---Pride

Pride heads the list of the seven deadly sins. Surely, like Belshazzar of old, we are guilty of taking great pride in our human achievements as though it were exclusively man's cleverness that accomplished them. Past generations were more dependent on God for His rain, His sun and His good earth when they planted and God gave the increase. But today we completely ignore God and go our own merry way flouting Him, His Word and His Son's sacrifice for us. Think just what is happening in this age of reason. In our so-called wisdom everything is being turned upside down. The solution to our debt problems is to escalate spending. Under the cloak of freedom of speech, crudeness and obscenity are freely used in films, literature, the internet and television instead of what is good and virtuous. Nothing is now seen as plain black or white, even male or female, so much so that we regard homosexuality and bisexuality as no different from normal heterosexuality. We are trying to create a world of tolerance where no one is condemned and no one's feelings are hurt. Traditional morality has been tossed on its head as biblical values are scorned and replaced by secularist orthodoxy.

The Sacred Profaned

Today we are constantly seeing that which is sacred profaned---making it secular and devoid of any spiritual meaning. Consider how we have rejected the sanctity of marriage---God's holy ordinance and the cornerstone of all successful societies. However, despite the fact that traditional marriage of husband and wife has proven to be by far the best way to raise children, we are now more and more freely and wilfully casting it aside to gratify our lusts and physical pleasures by living together in sin. We even condone this unholy situation to exist in the highest political office in the land in defiance of God whose sacred Word dictates that "the sceptre of the ungodly shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest they are led into wrongdoing". Nowadays, all pressure on singles to marry has been

removed, as has pressure on married couples to remain together, and for children to obey their parents. In fact, how many illegitimate children do we now have in our midst with no legitimate parents, yet we are blasé, even proud of the fact! Another casualty to our misguided way of thinking is the rejection of any kind of smacking by parents---an indispensable tool that the Bible commands to correct bad behaviour---which is now held to be cruel and abusive. Likewise we have stripped teachers of the right to physically discipline students, resulting in increasingly sullen and rebellious behaviour as many students do as they please at schools, which are steadily growing into seedbeds of lawlessness.

Our Topsy-turvy World

In our topsy-turvy world that scorns God, moral absolutes have been replaced by moral relativism whereby we excuse all kinds of evil and wrongdoing. While we spare the lives of vile murderers contrary to God's Word, we wilfully and barbarically destroy countless unborn babies in the womb and salve our consciences by calling it "a woman's choice". May the Lord have mercy on our miserable souls! Our courts exonerate the guilty and condemn the innocent. In our misguided rush to deny God's Word we have been deceived by Political Correctness (PC) that emphatically contradicts biblical standards and values that we have lived by for ages. The Scriptures correctly interpret this kind of lawlessness when the prophet Isaiah says, "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."

Worshipping Other Gods

Like Belshazzar we have turned to worship other gods. Instead of honouring God as our Creator in Christ, many are now worshipping the gods of science, materialism, sport, sex and even man himself. Even so, we are more frustrated and tension-ridden than ever before. Since we have taken our eyes off God they are no longer lifted up to the sky, but are turned inward, distorting our entire world. We have rejected God the Father and turned to Mother Earth as the great provider of all things growing; we seriously call it nature-worship, believing this will dispose of a pesky God who demands accountability for our actions. Thus we change truth for lies; we exalt the material creation above the Creator who made it; the Scriptures are scorned and irrational human reasoning honoured. In fact, we are fulfilling the prophetic words of the Apostle Paul: we have "changed the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator... professing to be wise, we have become fools."

Weighed and Found Wanting

Are we just as guilty as Belshazzar? Of course we are. We are guilty of pride, of not humbling ourselves before Almighty God. We are profaning the things that God holds sacred. We are guilty of worshipping and praising gods of our own making and have failed to give Him the honour due to His name. And the "writing is on the wall". This generation has been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Just as judgment fell on Belshazzar so will it fall on us if we don't turn back to Him in deep humility and in whole-hearted repentance. However, as we turn ourselves over to the grace of God and His mercy by surrendering our lives to Him through His Son Jesus Christ, who died to save us from our sins, we can face the future with confidence, knowing that the writing is not on the wall for us.

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, our gracious Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. As diligent servants, we come before Your throne to worship You in Spirit and in truth. As our Creator, Lord, we adore You; as our Redeemer, we boundlessly trust You; as our Great King, we obey You; as our Judge 'In the Writing on the Wall for Us', we fear You; as our Master, we submit to You; as our Lord and Saviour, we thankfully praise You; as our future Bridegroom, our hearts are passionately devoted to You. Father, we pray for the leaders and citizens of our nation to go on bended knees and with contrite hearts have their minds renewed, as in deep humility they thank You for the finished work of JESUS CHRIST on the cross of Calvary. Holy Spirit of fire, burn out the evil spirits of pornography, pride and promiscuity that are destroying the moral fibre of our nation. We beseech You, O Lord, release Your River of Living Water to flood this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit and sweep a harvest of lost souls into Your glorious Kingdom of love, joy and peace, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man; in love and in faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His holy name.

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