

When the World is in the Ditch

Go — remind My people and warn a world living without Me.

When God roars... "the heavens and earth will shake but the Lord will be a shelter for His people and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel:16

"Tell the Righteous... it will be well with them." Isaiah 3:10

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble and He knows those who trust in Him." Nahum 1:7

Go... tell the righteous and the wicked His news.

Good morning, my friends, I pray this note on Joel and Isaiah 3 will find you seeking the King and His gentle light on this beautiful day. I love the fact that His light illuminates our darkness and provides us with answers, hope, and comfort for the issues we must face today and tomorrow.

"Sever yourselves from such a man, whose breath (life) is in his nostrils; for what account is he?"
Isaiah 2:22

Wow, what a word... and such a vivid commentary of our modern times.

When any society, unwisely and ignorantly, finds life within itself (Isaiah 2:22), and as a whole doesn't seek help and answers from above, but goes rogue in its rebellion, they will see their own growth and modern advancements, as progress. But what God sees is something entirely different. He doesn't see some of it as progress, but quite the contrary. He knows where it's headed, and that's why He warns us and gives us these signs. He, better than anyone, can see what some call progress is just another step toward the threshold of judgment. He is merciful and has given us more than enough time and room to turn this sinking ship around before He has to remove the floodgates of His mercy.

I'm not the brightest apple in the basket or the straightest stick in the bunch, but in Joel, Isaiah 3, Obadiah, and Nahum I see something. What do I see? More than I can list here but these 7 I mention ought to speak loud enough to get our attention. I pray you take a minute or two to read this...

Several things I see:

(1). God takes away key things from a nation (vital resources, and, likewise mature and influential

leaders, comparing them to the supply of food and water, things every society needs to survive and thrive) when that nation, one by one, starts dropping the ball, in the middle of a crucial game, because they simply don't want to play for the "coach" anymore and they go find something "better" to do with "their time", rather than finishing what He started in them. (3:1-3).

(2). When He removes these fundamental leaders, He allows certain things (women and immature and childish leaders) to replace them. He then allows anyone to join the team and He appoints captains to lead this team that has no clue about leadership or the game (3:4,12).

(3). Then comes a shift in the attitude and atmosphere of a younger generation toward the older and honorable people of the land. They progressively show very little to no respect, honor, and concern for the elderly... instead of respect and honor toward them, they mock, mistreat, rebel, revolt, and at times even riot, when they're not given the right to trample upon the limited rights of others (3:4-5).

(4). The qualifications and standards of leadership are utterly diminished to who has a little more than the next man and character and wisdom play no role in the qualifications (3:6-7)

(5). No honorable people want to lead because God will not permit it. He's giving them what the nation has sought after (3:10-12).

(6). Shame of being like Sodom and Gomorrah is spoken against and an all-inclusive tolerance for disgrace and deplorable things is the new standard (3:8-9).

(7). Luxurious living has replaced loyalty to righteousness and truth and the "finer things of life" are valued more than faith, faithfulness, and family (3:13-26).

There's more to the story but you get the point... it sounds all too familiar to our days. And when solid mature leadership, of wise men, is on the decline and being steadily removed, while being consistently replaced with childish leadership and flamboyant and boastful women, it's a pretty solid indication that the nation is under the crosshairs of impending judgment.

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#tellMypeople #matthew24 #matthew25 #2thessalonians2and7 #theRestrainer #revelation13
#outofthesea #revelation12and11 #beast #dragon #antichrist #deception #angels
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