

“FOUR QUESTIONS TO A NATION ON THE BRINK”

JEREMIAH 8:1-9

v. 1 mentions 4 categories: princes, priests, prophets, people (*inhabitants*)

1. To the PEOPLE (v.5-9, *Why has this people slidden back...in a perpetual backsliding?*)

* Hell-bent on turning away from our Judeo-Christian heritage, sense of right and wrong, of absolute truth

* Federal government: \$38.4 trillion debt/ fraud...Congressional grid-lock now a death-lock...Supreme Court cases...executive

* State governments: Blue-Red divide never more stark...“sanctuary” cities and states...“insurrection”

* Lying, censoring media: “Maryland man,” “Minneapolis mom,” “Hitler...Nazi” comparisons, coverage of economy

* *They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to return...Behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord, So what wisdom do they have?*

* “false prophets and teachers” incl. heretical Christian teachers, but also Marxist professors, false religions' proponents

* **Proverbs 1:23-27 NKJV** 23 Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. 24 Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, 25 Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, 27 When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

Galatians 6:7-8 NKJV 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 NKJV 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2. To the PEWS (v.13-14, *Why do we sit still?*)

* Society is failing because the church is failing - a church is no stronger than its weakest link

* (willful) ignorance and complacency -

Hosea 4:6 NKJV My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Amos 6:1 NKJV Woe to you *who* are at ease in Zion, And trust in Mount Samaria, Notable persons in the chief nation, To whom the house of Israel comes!

* Refusal to be salt and light - Mt 5.13-14 / Ac 1.8

Matthew 5:13-14 NKJV 13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?”

It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Acts 1:8 NKJV But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

* It's time to get off of our "blessed assurance" and get into the spiritual battle for the souls of men!

Revelation 2:5 NKJV Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

* Back of Islam and Marxism is Satanic deception...when embraced they invite demonic destruction

* v.17, *For behold I will send serpents among you, Vipers which cannot be charmed, And they shall bite you, says the LORD*

* **Luke 10:18-20 NKJV** 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Revelation 12:11 NKJV And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

3. To the POLITICIANS (v.19, *Why have they provoked Me to anger...?*)

* Kings and princes allowed widespread idolatry, leading to massive corruption, immorality (good kings outlawed it)

* Abortion on demand (Hyde amendment), redefinition of marriage, embrace of transgender lies, graft and corruption (wealth)

* Leaders are answerable for much due to their position - choosing to *provoke* God (Heb. kaas = to vex or deliberately enrage)

[and US voters are answerable for much due to their privilege!]

* **Luke 12:48b NKJV** For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Proverbs 28: 2; 29:4,12; 15:3 NKJV 28:2 Because of the transgression of a land, many are its princes; But by a man of understanding and knowledge Right will be prolonged. 29:4, 12 4 The king establishes the land by justice, But he who receives bribes overthrows it. 12 If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked. 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

4. To the PULPITS (v.10-12, 22, *Is there no balm in Gilead? Why then is there no healing?*)

* Society is failing because the church is failing...the church is failing because the pulpits are failing

* False prophets cry "Peace, peace...when there is no peace" - short of confronting sin and calling for repentance, no healing can come

* Fear of man more than fear of God -

Proverbs 29:25-26 NKJV 25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe. 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the Lord.

Luke 6: 26, 46 NKJV 26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets. 46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

* In a last interview, Charlie Kirk said he wished to be remembered for "the courage of my faith"