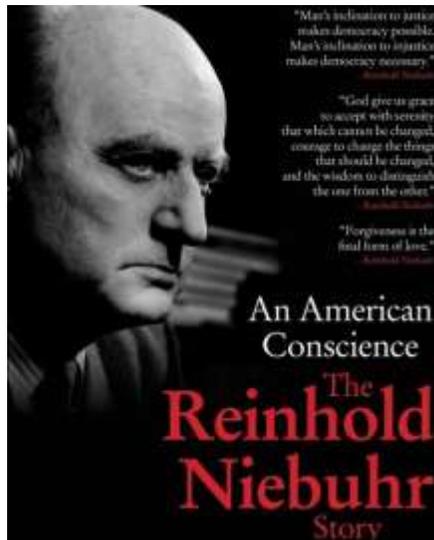


Chapter 11: The American Conscience.



“Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.”

— Reinhold Niebuhr, The Irony of American History

The academic authorities of the History of American Thought, or sometimes called American Studies with a little history, literature, sociology and so on; those like Parrington in Main Currents of American Thought, Commager in the American Mind, Persons in The American Minds, and Gabriel in American Democratic Thought write on American Thought, American Character, American Spirit: yet none write on The American Conscience. Let this be the beginning to remedy that shortcoming, and someday in the All Scripture Christian Life and Living series, 3 of which are already on Amazon, the American Conscience can come to full fruition as the subtitle of American Thought for Christians. It seems that Ralph Waldo Emerson in The American Scholar was striving somewhat to do in his lecture that was also an essay, considered the beginning of American thought emancipation from Europe.

We can be grateful to Dr. Christian, the sociologist from Notre Dame with his research into the conscience of American youth on their beliefs of conscience summarized as MTD for Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, in his book Soul Searching and in other books he provides a concrete glimpse into the conscience not only of American youth but also on their parents and teachers. As Christian or Bible or denominational statements of faith it is not a beautiful thing, mushy, tolerant to extremes, with lack of real convictions, and wishy washy. You judge for yourselves:

1. A god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.

5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

11-1: American Creativity for Greed and Cover Up: There is no way to consider the youth apart from the American Thought that made their American Conscience, also that of their parents and teachers, and yes even preachers, those of the Gospel of Prosperity (general like to refer to themselves as WOF for Word of Faith).

(American Creativity for Greed and Cover Up from National Dens of Thieves)

So large is the American creativity for cover-up and greed, some call it just business, the free enterprise system, or entrepreneurship, that it takes an introduction and much Bible to deal with it. While it during the last year has become more popular to somewhat remove the veil of the hideout cover-up on business, education, and cities, where they have bankrupt for years without letting the public know; it is still not popular to disclose the cover up in churches and denominations, yet these institutions have been during this Falling Away since 1968 more creative practitioners of the National Den of Thieves habits and Hideout for Bad Habits (Jeremiah 7:11, John 2:16, Matthew 21:13, and Isaiah 56:7) As the Falling Away moves deeper into the 5 stages (II Timothy 4:3,4)--the present stage after having passed through (1) intolerance toward sound doctrine, (2) churches primarily driven by a motivation in personal desires, (3) the heaping up of Bible teachers, preachers, and evangelists with itching ears--American churches and the national American church is about to go over the precipice of the fourth stage, where churches led the nation in turning away from truth. It is so subtle and natural that those closest cannot see it! Substitute Gospels, which are not a gospel of the same kind, have been accepted so naturally as to if it were possible deceive even the elect, like The Gospel of Prosperity, Messianic Judaism, and other misguided philosophies of works for salvation like Mormonism with the official Reformed Gospel of the Doctrine and Covenants, the work of baptism by the church of Christ, and sprinkling plus many other doctrines of works in Catholicism. The extent to which leaders in these churches and denominations have allowed these salvations by works, instead of by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8,9), to dominate their organizations, is directly proportional to the extent that they have turned and the rate at which they are continuing to turn away from the truth. This is no personal attack on the flesh and blood of these churches and denominations, and their cover-ups; but rather on (1) principalities, and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places, and (2) and the trends toward greed and cover-up that will in the 5th stage of the Falling Away (II Timothy 4:4,5) turn churches into fables. {Never forget that these national leaders of the NATIONAL DEN OF THIEVES are also church members; and if not, they claim the moral and ethical high ground of the American Democratic Faith.} While America is still the greatest country and greatest government in the world, all we have to do in order to lose what truly in sound Bible doctrine made it great, is to sit back overcome by the spiritual inertia of the Falling Away, ignoring the obvious present signs of the 5 stages of the Falling Away.

11-2: More on Greed.

The Bible search request has been made for more on greed. Hardly more can be said from the Bible than what has been written and published in the recent eBooks of SunGrist_Bible: DEN OF THIEVES, HIDEOUT FOR BAD HABITS, and BIBLE REPORTS FOR BELIEVING, THE WAY OF CONTINUING FAITH. While greed is not the number one problem in America, it is the personification of many problems which, especially in these more recent times of economic turmoil, have emphasized for the whole world to see, that something is rotten in Denmark. How in the world can the United States be a continuing beacon for Democracy and Christianity in the world, when the life and character of the American people is

dominated by greed! It behooves us as an American people to study the causes and effects from a citizenship and government standpoint, much less the Bible demands that we pursue the subject from the church and Christian standpoint. What world enemies have not been able to do in overt war and propaganda for approximately 300 years since 1776, it is possible for us as Americans to do to ourselves by way of internal self-destruct. Below we will try to summarize for you what has been written and published in the recent books of SunGrist_Bible as well as in the Bible Studies of the last years on Jeremiah and Prophecy. Greed, like in America today, was a nation wide manifestation of the many moral and religious problems of God's elected people, Judah and Israel, of the seventh century B.C.; and God, who first said about their perverted weekly worship services, I, even I have seen it (Jeremiah 7), also said about greed that it had infected all of God's people from the least to the greatest, that even the prophets and priests were given over to greed, that they dealt falsely, and in their greatest sin of all as religious professionals, they healed the hurt of the people only slightly. Unfortunately, today and in our country, each Sunday, we reward our own religious professionals greatly with honor, prestige, respect, and financial gain for this slight healing of God's own people, primarily because they pat us on the back for our perverted value of material prosperity and things. The leading prophet today of The Gospel of Things and Prosperity, from Houston, has made the necessary adjustment of this message of the Gospel of Prosperity to all the recent calamities God has sent to Texas, especially southern and central Texas where this false prophet lives with a modified message: just wait 2 years and if you have enough faith and hope, you will discover a gold mine or an oil well in your backyard. In short, what this is saying is that even in this time of hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts from God, and economic depression and turmoil, we can hang on to greed!

11-2: Pre-programmed Bible Answers to the Bible Search Question of More on Greed.

Surely this Bible surfer, did not mean we need more Greed; but simple to present and clarify what is in the Bible on greed. Bottom line, greed is covetousness and sin, a violation of the last of the 10 commandments, probably last because it is at the heart of all other sins and is, as well as always has been, the sin against God, self, and community that personifies, be sure your sins will find you out. Greed and its fellow worker of competition {quite often it is the kind of competition in more recent years in this country which eliminates other competitors, when have you see as in past history the enforcement of the anti-trust laws} has gripped not only the wealthy and well-to-do; but with such false philosophies and hopes as a good mine in every yard, or an oil well, all Americans, like with a giant lottery in religion, have expressed the desire to be rich, the desire of such, according to the Bible, being such as to be a snare among the rich and poor, whether real material wealth like a gold mine or oil well, or much less, comes or not.

1. Greed in America has disintegrated the American Economy from section 20-8, chapter 20, of BIBLE REPORTS FOR BELIEVING.
2. Strong Delusion from the American Leaders about the Economy from the following section 20-9 of the same book.
3. And what does this greed and the American economy have to do with our faith, that is the subject of the following section, section 20-10 of the same book.

4. By the way, the chapter title of this BIBLE REPORTS book is Strong Delusion which gets at more the problem of the Falling Away in American churches and society than to blame it all on the one sin of Greed.

5. Many of you have been fortunate enough to benefit from the outstanding book by the Christian Psychologists, formerly at Southern Seminary in Louisville, RELIGIOUS DIMENSIONS OF PERSONALITY.

6. Well, a very positive approach in the next chapter of BIBLE REPORTS, and in borrowing from the same title by Wayne Oates, presents the following 3 sections on greed and covetousness in order to summarize much of what the Bible has to say on greed, then relate it to the larger destruction of many individual personalities over a life time, lastly collectively causing what we see in national greed in America today, Chapter 22 of BIBLE REPORTS, entitled Continuing Faith.

11-3: Covetousness and Greed Destroy any Community or Church.

Covetousness, although forbidden in the last of the 10 commandments, is perhaps first in the national unrighteousness in America. {It will be shown in later chapters that this is also related to the violation of the commandment against idolatry.} Covetousness as in the parable of the bigger barns syndrome of the parable told by Jesus is a personality trait that actually destroys personality. You know, not needing but desiring to show off in front of friends and neighbors. {One way to guard against covetousness is to make buying decisions based on needs instead of wants.} Covetousness as well as destroying individuals can also destroy a nation. We saw that in the economic crisis of the last few years in America, and of the pressure to take care of the rich {remember the definition earlier of rich as those of 250K plus income} without a corresponding pressure right now to take care of the poor and less than 250K plus income.

So, enamored with “competition” are Americans in business, sports, and even life, that few Christians realize when they have passed from the simple selfishness of competition into the greed of covetousness. The attitude of, “If we win it, then somebody has to lose it”; and it will not be me!

Focuses on the real and underlying problem in America and American churches, that is while there is much faith, or believe like the devils have and tremble, there is not the continuing faith that the Apostle John wrote of long ago in I John 5:13, that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. This with the similarly stated purpose of the Gospel of John in John 20:30,31, in particular the believing, that inspired the writing of this Continuing Faith chapter, and which some time ago put in a web page online, free for your reading! Please click on and read the web page of Continuing Faith.

11-4: National RIGHTEOUSNESS vs National SIN.

Since according to the Bible, the gay rights movement is a social sin, it is a good place to start this message to the nation on National RIGHTEOUSNESS versus National SIN, even though National sins are much larger than that of gay rights. It is just that, based on the Bible, it is so much easier to prove gay rights as a social and therefore a national sin. You might say it is the straw man or whipping boy for all national sins, also a way to judge the rise, revival, and fall of national righteousness. In fact, it would have to be said that gay rights are a puny sin as compared to the larger national sins of idolatry, divorce, and greed; and far more of this national message will be directed toward the righteousness or sins of idolatry, divorce, and greed than will be directed toward the sin of the gay rights movement. Conservative does not mean righteousness; and while lately we have heard from a lot of national

conservatives trying to make righteous statements to redeem themselves on gay rights; we have not heard again the timeless words of Romans chapter 1 on gay rights. And please do not forget that this is second in a series of teachings and messages on Advanced Studies in Jeremiah and Prophecy{See <http://www.sungrist.org/AdvancedStudiesInJeremiah.html> }. You know when you get right down to the nitty gritty of what happened to the Jewish people during the time of Jeremiah, and what the people of God of that day were thinking {with over 163 years of decisions, ways and doings that forever destroyed them as the exclusive people of God}, then it is simple after a significant amount of study of the Jeremiah text itself {not necessarily the scholarly treatments as they tend to study about the Bible rather than the ASPI Bible itself}: a lack of righteousness overwhelmed the nation of Judah and Jerusalem, and an extreme abounding of sin took the place of righteousness. This is the reason that the backsliding of the people of God in Jeremiah is such a lesson for today's great Apostasy called the Falling Away. Even as Jesus identified the last times and the Falling Away of the people of God of the last generation as because sin shall abound the love of many shall wax cold (Matthew 24:12), so the abounding of individual sin and National SIN and the opposite absence of National Righteousness characterize the time and place of the great, final Falling Away from God, Christ, and the Bible.

11-5: The Text of the Message is Proverbs 14:34.

Remember that although this sin is a launching pad for the less puny National SINS of idolatry, rebellion against God on marriage, greed, and mistreatment of the people in the land; it does illustrate as a social sin what happens to man created originally in the image of God when God for at least 3 generations--grandparents, parents, and gay children--is forgotten and ignored {They refuse to retain God in their thinking.... (Romans 1:28)}. However, on the more positive side, as if sin could have a positive side in the sight of God and the Bible, the prime subject of this message is National RIGHTEOUSNESS versus National SIN, and it is largely based on the text of Proverbs 14:34.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34)

That single verse raises many questions: how is a nation like the United States or Russia exalted by righteousness, and how is a nation reproached, and by WHOM when sin starts to dominate and erode the morals and ethics of the nation, especially on family life; and then the larger question of what is righteousness and what is sin. Like Paul wrote also in Romans, We would not have known sin, had it not been for the laws of God {the 10 commandments, and other teachings of the Bible for example God on the proper pattern for marriage} (Romans 3:19), like Genesis 2:24. One of the great marvels of God's creation events is the establishment of the proper pattern for marriage: it is one of the first and great therefore of the Bible. Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 4:24)

11-6: The Marvel of Gods Established Plan for Marriage and Happiness.

You know it is really not complicated as to what Gods law, rules, or pattern for marriage is in spite of the attempt of some lawyers, judges, and many gays to make it complicated: it is one man, one woman, for life, both enjoying natural (Romans 1:26,27) sex and bringing children into the world. By the way, this is one obvious way in which the righteousness of God, that is following the proper pattern of God and from God on marriage exalts a nation; for it is the healthy, happy, and strong families of this nation that grow the good citizens that vote, keep informed, and serve in the military, that support churches and righteousness, that make the leaders of tomorrow.

Of course, gay supporters would immediately deny that while sex and marriage between a man and women is normal and natural, to use some of the words of the Bible in Romans 1:26,27; that would likewise deny that sex of women with women and men with men is not normal. Yet it is the way God created men and women, and it is and was the original intention of God. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise, also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. (Romans 1:26,27) You know anyone series about the Bible as the Word of God, even remotely spiritually minded, could miss the loaded words here in Romans 1:26,27.(1). There are natural passions as those that moral men and women fulfill in the God-ordained institution of marriage, and then there are the vile passions of gays and lesbians. You might well see the connotation that vile is a suggestion of National sin!(2). Gay rights are always a sign in any nation or civilization that God has given up on getting any righteousness out of that group, God gave them up to vile passions. Yes, gay rights are a sin against God, and a sin against the righteousness intentions of any nation. It is first a personal sin and then it is a public and social sin. It tends to destroy the very roots of the nation. And while you may think in your support for gay rights that you are upholding the original rights of this nation for freedom and tolerance, you are in reality making weak one of the very cornerstones that made this nation righteous in the sight of God and in the world. (3). God expected even more out of women than men on the morality and ethics of a chose over natural sex and marriage over the unnatural sex and marriage of gays, condemning in early civilizations and in Judah and Jerusalem the sexual acts of pagan worship of Baal, the Queen of Heaven, and the gods of Egypt {don't ever forget that many of the Egyptians that came out of Egypt with the children of Israel led them astray after other gods, right at the start in the worship of the golden calf} even in the temple and homes of Judah as even their women exhumed the natural use for what is against nature.

11-7: Gay Rights is a Sign of Spiritual, God-Knowledge Bankruptcy.

By the time it comes down to gay rights, it is without a drastic spiritual revival, too late for that individual or group. What is described as unnatural and vile in Romans 1:26,27 is preceded and followed in the context of chapter 1 with how they were already spiritually bankrupt before finding themselves in this condition. It is not a sudden matter of birth and training: it is rather a product of generations of unbelief in God on the part of the child, the parents before them, and the grandparents; even of their own social environment in which each generation for several generations was raised. For generations the relatives of these gay righters suppressed the truth in righteousness (Romans 1:18) in spite of the reality {also denied by gay righters and some of their fellow Americans} that the wrath {and justice and judgments of God} of God is revealed {you see it here in the Bible and staring back in the teaching of Gods pattern for marriage in Genesis 1:26,27} against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. By the way, you see here some of the reproach of sin on the part of the God and Maker of this Universe against ungodliness {counter to God and rebellions against the laws, rules, and patterns of God} and unrighteousness of men.

NOTE: You should be able to see that while gay rights is a puny sin as compared to the larger, more glaring and detrimental sins to a NATION like idolatry, greed, destruction of Gods pattern for marriage of which of course gay rights is only one aspect, divorce being the larger, and greed; still it is the ultimate social sign that many Americans have already, and for several generations, gone bankrupt on God. Think of it, have you ever known a supporter of gay rights to be spiritual, except for a few

exceptions like Ted Haggard. And Ted obviously went spiritually bankrupt before he was caught dealing with a gay and drugs.

2. Continuing more rapidly with the signs of spiritual bankruptcy in Romans chapter 1 before the final outcome in gay rights, we notice in Romans 1:20 they are without excuse for not remembering, honoring, and reverencing the great God and Maker of this Universe for the Designs of the Universe and the very inherent born conscience of man manifest this God they should be honoring, not forgetting

.3. The problem is that when they and their parents and grandparents and social contacts had initially this inherent knowledge and conscience on God, they traded it in for dark thoughts and dark hearts (Romans 1:21).

4. The gay righters traded in being fools for being wise (Romans 1:22); and yet we like in times of Jeremiah and in pagan societies, then and today, hear them loud and clear vocalizing on how wise they are or have become, professing to be wise. You can do anything socially by definition if you can get some Americans to believe you and support you.

5. They bankrupted themselves and their group by changing Gods glory for an image {this is idolatry and the violation of the second commandment, not to create any image of God, not God, including in your own mind} of God like man himself and like beasts such as the golden calf (Romans 1:28).

NOTE: The ten commandments of Exodus 20 are not numbered like we think, and idolatry is not mentioned per se; although much of the rest of the Bible after Exodus 20 identifies idolatry as the many creative ways in which man violates the long first commandment of Exodus 1:1-11, note it is 11 verses on proper respect for God, with the aspects of: (1) priority for God with no other gods before Me; (2) forbiddance of any physical or mental image like God {you cannot afford to drift away from the Bible}; (3) forbiddance to bow down to or worship any other likeness or image of God {by the way Jesus, the Son of God, provided the only proper image of God to worship}; (4) do not take Gods name in vain, and surely you will hear gay rights, their parents and their grandparents, and their social contacts and supporters often showing their spiritual bankruptcy by taking Gods name in vain; (5) positive encourage to remember and keep the Sabbath Day as one way to remember, not forget or absence from your thinking the God of this Universe.

Another NOTE: Perhaps you never thought about it; but just to forget God and to not keep Him in your monthly, weekly, and daily thinking is both a violation of the first commandments of God but is idolatry and unrighteousness--yes, also SIN.

11-8: The Context of Proverbs 14:34 Provides clues on Righteousness.

Like anytime on proper interpretation and understanding of the Bible{especially on the manner the Bible itself provides for self-interpretation in the ASPI of II Peter 1:20,21}, you must keep any verse of section of Scripture in the context of where you find it. Proverbs is a little more difficult in that it is a collection of terse sayings, and the context is even larger as one might label the total context as Wisdom from God, just like the examples and admonitions, rules and regulations, and proper spirit of the whole Bible.

However, you do see wisdom in the context before Proverbs 14:34 and after Proverbs 14:34. It is the kind of wisdom from God that can promote and exalt righteousness in any nation, therefore also exalt that nation in the sight of God and in the blessings of God as contrasted to when God sends calamities to get righteousness in a nation; and in doing so will do the opposite, prevent reproach to any nation

and the SIN which brings immediate calamities on any nation of Gods people and ultimate final judgment.

1. The verse before Proverbs 14:34, Proverbs 14:33.

Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, but what is in the heart of fools is made known. (Proverbs 14:33) Think about some of the things the fool has said like the fool has said in his heart there is no God; and how such spiritual bankruptcy leads to social sins like idolatry, greed, mistreatment of fellow residents in the land, and rebellion against Gods ordained will on marriage. Ultimately individual sins like these mentioned, and those condemned in the 10 commandments, come of the heart and are manifest in society and the Nation.

2. The verse after Proverbs 14:34, Proverbs 14:35.

The kings favor is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against him who causes shame. (Proverbs 14:35) This sort of brings individual and national wisdom to the level of the government and Nation. It reminds us for the administrative, judicial, and legislative branches of government and all their civil service supporters can raise or lower the wisdom of God in the nation by their decisions and examples. Surely a nation can be no more righteous than its leaders, and surely a nation will be reproach by sin to the extent of these leaders.

NOTE: Please keep tuned to the continuing studies on Jeremiah and Prophecy as we must shortly come to the single social and national act that identified how bankrupt the people of God in Jerusalem and Judah were, just before their destruction and before they ceased to be the exclusive people of God forever. That single incident showed socially and nationally how bankrupt the nation of Judah was really, and as the courts rule on gays rights in California for the United States it will show some extent of either the righteousness of the nation or the spiritual bankruptcy, in a natural and normal way!

11-9: When the Supreme Court of Judah Ruled on Jeremiah.

A quick look at the National events of Jeremiah 26:1-24 show how spiritually bankrupt Gods people and the nation had become just before destruction. It is the nature of sin, nationally and individually, that it can be denied and ignored with even blindness to its existence; and thought or purported as righteousness against all reason. {Like in our nation today, and in the nature of the coach at Syracuse who just before the Cotton Bowl game of 1960 for the national championship said, Football is a religion in Texas, the national conscience and the American Democratic Faith can become a substitute for the real religion of the Bible and the real God of the Bible, for any real morality and ethics of true God-like righteousness and obliterate any real concepts of real SIN.}

1. During the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, the son of King Josiah, the word of God came to Jeremiah (Jeremiah 26:1).

2. God told Jeremiah, like preachers today need to hear, not to diminish a {single} word from the message, as he stood each day in the court of the Temple, speaking to all the cities of Judah that came to worship in Gods House. He was to speak ALL the words commanded by God Himself (Jeremiah 26:2).

3. God was hopeful that (1) everyone will listen and turn from his evil way {evil way here was the key phrase for lack of righteousness and abounding of sin}; (2) that God might change His mind {relent} from the extreme and ultimate calamity {as you saw in Israel a Branch Broken Off and from Daniel and

Zechariah, the extreme and ultimate calamity was not only for destruction and Captivity for 70 years in Babylon and Persian, but extended to a period after the life on earth of Christ, and into eternity as Israel lost forever its status as the exclusive people of God} which He had already purposed {so you want to talk about God driven purpose} to bring on Jerusalem and Judah; and (3) God had already purposed that decision because of the evil of their doings (Jeremiah 26:3).

NOTE: Could it be any clear what was the real problem in Israel? Obviously, a shortage of righteousness, and an abundance of SIN. God calls it evil!

4. God delivers through Jeremiah the final ultimate for all time to Israel: If you will not listen to Me {no doubt that the Creator and Maker of the Universe, the former provider and protector of His own people is speaking with the Me} to do what? To walk in Gods laws of righteousness, His rules, and patterns for life and living (Jeremiah 26:4).

5. Beyond listening to the laws of righteousness, but to also HEED Gods words through the Prophets and today Apostles {a summary of the Bible along with the teachings of Jesus}, every year and every generation, early in the morning and late in the evening {this is God Himself getting up early in the morning and burning the midnight oil in order to find, call, and send Prophets because for at least 163 years.} He was trying to get THE MESSAGE to His own people. YET THEY DID NOT HEED! (Jeremiah 26:5)

Parenthetically, please do not forget that the reader's brain, rather than thinking linearly in a straight line, likes to multitask; and the reason for the many parenthesis like this, { }, and the blue lettering!

6. Without revival the guarantee from God of what will happen to the city of God and the Temple of God: ;then I will make this house like Shiloh{the original and historical place of worship in the former northern kingdom of Israel}, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. (Jeremiah 26:6)

NOTE: You know by and large the city of Jerusalem, surrounded by Muslim enemies and a shamble of what the kingdom was under David and Solomon, is still a curse. The old Temple has only one wall remaining and is divided with a part of it in Arab country.

7. Observe who all were listening to Jeremiah, and God through Jeremiah, in the courts of the Temple {by this time the official religious leaders had banished Jeremiah from inside the Temple, and even friends from his hometown tried to kill him because he would not stop preaching that message from God}: the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD (Jeremiah 26:7).

NOTE: This is obviously a historical record for the Jews of generations to follow to read and heed for the reason they lost all the greatest that once came their way as a selected, called, and exclusive nation of Gods very own people; a record for those like Daniel to later in Babylonian Captivity would read, then ask for more details on the fate of his own people; and be told with a special messenger through the angel Gabriel delivered the message that the transgression would not be wrapped up after the life of Jesus Christ, as then the Temple and Jerusalem would be destroyed but a covenant confirmed with a few Jews for only one week, and even in that week the Temple worship would be destroyed. And beyond that the punishment extended long range, very long range in: (1) the end of punishment on the Jewish people with a flood (Daniel 9:26); (2) and war, until the end of the war desolations are determined (Daniel 9:26) {even as Judah and Jerusalem became spiritual desolate in

the sight of God, the nation as a people of God under the judgment and punishment and gigantic calamity of God became also desolation, the abomination of desolation of Daniel, Matthew 24:15); (3) on the wings of these desolations shall Satan ride in to make more desolations (Daniel 9:27); and (4) these desolations will continue throughout history up until the end of time, until the consummation of all the unrighteousness and sin of the nation of Israel (Daniel 9:27); and (5) this desolation will continue forever until the consummation, which is determined is poured out on the desolate (Daniel 9:27).

Additional NOTE: Did Gods people of the Temple, the city, and the nation understand all these immediate and eternal calamities guaranteed by God because of the sin and unrighteousness that He daily observed in all the cities, and had for at least 163 years? Certainly not! A few did, but not the majority of the priests, the prophets, and the people did not! They did not even face up to the fact of the imminent destruction of the city by Babylon as the servant of God for His judgment.

8. What was the immediate in the Temple court reaction of the nation {it reminds us of when years later the religious leaders would also seize Jesus for the message from God that He was preaching in the Temple, and the Apostle Paul after Him} to all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people.

Now it happened {and again you see the public record for the Jews and for us}: that (1) all the people, (2) the prophets, and (3) the priests seized Jeremiah, passing an immediate sentence of judgment on Jeremiah that YOU WILL SURELY DIE! {The Jews and their leaders never change, they said the same thing about another of their own, the Lord Jesus Christ, who also was the Son and Messenger of their Almighty God, the intent was the same, the words were a little different, Crucify Him, Crucify Him (Mark 15:14)}.

NOTE: Could it be that part of this abomination of desolation judgment on the Jewish people was not only what they did to Jeremiah and the other Prophets but also what He knew beforehand was on what He knew that would do to His own Son. Well, there is a parable of the vineyard and wicked vinedressers to that extent in Matthew 21:33-45.

9. The popular charge of the people, the priests, and the prophets against Jeremiah were large and extensive: (1) first of all Jeremiah was prophesying in the name of the LORD, according to them, even though he was not authorized and not an official prophet or priest (Jeremiah 26:9); (2) that the message was that the Temple would be destroyed like Shiloh to the north had been destroyed, and that the city of Jerusalem would be desolate without habitation (Jeremiah 26:9). At that point it was unanimous among the people: And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. (Jeremiah 26:9b) It actually appears here that by now, in order to make it a private matter of the Jewish nation and more official, that the priests, people, and prophets drug Jeremiah into the nation of which he had previously been denied entrance.

NOTE: Isn't that amazing, as in American churches today, when Gods only single Prophet is denied entrance into a National place of worship {the Temple was a national place of worship}, effectively also denying the presence of God and of the only real message of God for that day! What did the prophets and priests talk about, if they didn't have any message from God? Well, they had dreams and visions; and God tells often in Jeremiah how they were neither sent by Him, nor given those dreams and visions! (Jeremiah 23:9-40)

10. The princes of Judah (Jeremiah 26:10) were the government under the King of that day, the Supreme Court if you would, as they came down from, they reigned in the king's house to the house of the LORD when they heard the noise and heard about what was happening in the National Temple. {Yes, in those days, like is becoming more true today as government attempts to control the morality, ethics, religion, and righteousness of the nation, Temple worship was socialized and nationalized, more under the control of the King and the government}....

NOTE: There are laws on the book right now to intimidate and penalize your pastor from preaching the truth of the book of Romans 1 in public....the princes of Judah...sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD's house... (Jeremiah 26:10)

11. The priests and prophets acted as prosecutors, speaking to the princes of the government and all the people {a twin appeal to government and people}: This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears. (Jeremiah 26:11)

NOTE: Imagine this accusation for preaching a warning against extreme calamity of destruction and desolation from God Himself! Are we there in the heaping up of teachers with itching ears, in the common heaping out of preachers that do not preach what we want to hear; and in the support, or silence against gay righters--not to mention the American greed, mistreatment of the people in the land, idolatry, and rebellion against God's marriage plan?

12. Jeremiah made his own defense: The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city, as you have heard with your ears. (Jeremiah 26:12) 13. Jeremiah did it again: he preached the same message that he had been preaching every day at the Temple for years. It had 3 main parts which in the very nature of God's Word as examples and admonitions for all peoples also has a message for us today: (1) amend your ways and doings; (2) obey the voice of the LORD your God; and (3) then you can expect in return that God will relent of the doom {this time the word doom is used instead of ultimate calamity} that God has pronounced against you.

NOTE: If God pronounces doom, there will be doom; and there was immediate doom in the destruction of Jerusalem and captivity; extended doom in the 70 years of Captivity with a subsequent lesser city and Temple; and selection of only one third of the Jews for a short period to be Christians, with persecution; and the final destruction of sacrifices and rituals in the Temple immediately after the life of Christ; and a further eternal doom and desolation. Sorry, this is getting too long; we will continue it in another message in next month's newsletter and online at <http://biblecombibleman.com>. In the meantime, and it would be profitable for you, you can read what has often been called the rest of the Story from Jeremiah chapter 26. {Judgements on Jeremiah by the Government, Elders in the Land, and an Influential Family.} You should check out the ministry of SunGrist_Bible at: http://biblecombibleman.com/SunGrist_Ministry.html .

Final NOTE: You can mark it down as a prophesy if you wish, one which will prove itself by coming true, that at some point in our near future Americans would have to choose between a priority for a religion of the American Democratic Faith or a religion of the Bible and of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the righteousness of God revealed by both the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ; and that will be the final choice of American in the great apostasy of the Falling Away, that of the 4th stage of the Falling Away which will help to complete the national turning away from truth (II Timothy 4:3,4). You know it really does not matter what august intellectual, legal, academic, or prejudice or sin reason which lead you or

a nation to turn away from the truth of Bible and God, the end results are the same of being turned into fables, the fifth and last stage of the Falling Away (II Timothy 4:3,4) Then the rest of the story, you can try to explain to God just before your eternal destination!

And added today: The Christian fables in American youth of the MTD brings to fulfillment Paul's prediction!

11-10: Conscience in the Bible, a Contrast of The Human Conscience: Some Seared, Some Good, and et cetera--

You will be amazed to run a good Bible concordance such as YOUNG'S ANALYTICAL CONCORDANCE on the word "conscience" in the Bible, to find how many times the word is described in the Bible and how many different consciences there are such as the good and seared conscience.

1. For example, since many Americans have made their own personal conscience the sole criterion for faith and practice, they need to know that God is greater than our conscience.

"For if our heart {close to the same as "conscience", or at least "conscience" is a subset of heart-for more read volume 2 of the LEARN Christ commentaries} condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things." (I John 3:30)

Our heart or conscience can be deceptive quite often, condemning us when God knows better, and more often when God has already condemned us, the thoughts, and the actions in the Bible. For example, some out of the up and downs of the emotions of the heart will doubt their salvation when God according to the Bible is trying to assure them. More often some will use a seared or bad conscience when the Holy Spirit is trying to convict them of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. You can read about this in several of the [LEARN CHRIST commentaries](#).

2. A dominant characteristic of the contemporary American Conscience, and you can see it in politics, international relations, churches, and society, is to accuse others while excusing themselves. If the traditionalists of American Society can be characterized as condemning others based on law in order to justify themselves, the next generation as blaming others in order to rationalize themselves, and then the large-and therefore least percentage of Christians boomer generation can be characterized as accusing others while excusing themselves. If you want to see a big example just look at President Bush.

"who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing our else excusing them)" (Romans 2:15)

For more on this, read the [LEARN CHRIST commentary](#) on the five books of the Apostle John with much on the conscience and a chapter on the American Conscience.

3. Paul in Hebrews 13:18 showed the kind of humility needed today among church members, when he wrote "I trust we have a good conscience, willing to live honestly in all things". Instead today in this period of the Falling Away, we find a conceit among church members that exceeds the haughtiness of the Corinthians before they repented. A conceit that violates the Bible admonition "not to think of yourselves more highly than you ought to". You will find many mentions of "conscience" in I Timothy and Hebrews, almost to the extent that you might be inclined to identify the "good conscience" from God's perspective as synonymous with those who are true believers. We already know from Ephesians that many who claim to have learned Christ have not "indeed seen Him and been taught by Him", so that from the early days of the church at Ephesus have been many who claim the name of Christ that are really among the tares and the goats, more so as we get deeper into the Falling Away.

You can read more on Hebrews in [a commentary](#) built around that book.

4. The Apostle Peter writes that the salvation of the One Baptism is the same as "the answer of a good conscience toward God".

"There is also an antitype {the opposite of destruction by water, the salvation being an opposite type of destruction and the Baptism by other than water being also an opposite type} which now saves us-baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..." (I Peter 3:21)

You can read more about this in ["Believe and Be Baptized"](#), a theme of the 14 letters of the Bible from the Apostle Paul in which he often sets forth this salvation, and answer of the good conscience toward God, as the One Baptism.

5. By the way Paul in the Bible, the Word of God, explicitly says that one outstanding characteristic of the religious in the time of the Falling Away will be the ability to act and speak from a "seared conscience".

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...." (I Timothy 4:1-2)

Also by the way, you can download from this site a chapter of volume 1 of the LEARN CHRIST commentaries, which has a very good representation of the words "conscience" in the Bible.