



Apostasy Leads to Loss of Client Nation Status; Joash Co-opted by Followers of Baal; God Sends Prophets; Joash Orders Zechariah Murdered; National Silliness

- 27) Principle: The United States will not be able to retain its title as a client nation to God if it continues to reject the wisdom, counsel, and influence of the Word of God. There are certain basic doctrines to which all orthodox believers must subscribe among them being the order code of the Ten Commandments followed by the establishment code clearly revealed in the Old and New Testaments.
- 28) Harbingers of additional reckonings upon America are found in the fact that the culture, the media, the academy, the arts, literature, entertainment, and most decisively, the government ridicule, besmirch, ignore, and chastise even the suggestion that biblical principles should be considered in the debates, the rationales, and the decision-making of this nation and its people.
- 29) Such is not a violation of the First Amendment's "establishment" clause. It is the application of its "free exercise" clause. The nation may choose to reject Bible doctrine and establishment truth but it does so at its peril. We may remain a nation without divine viewpoint but we cannot remain a client nation.
- 30) What was true for Israel will most assuredly be true for us. The Lord sends messengers to warn of such error and gives time for consideration and adjustment.
- 31) However, when the blind eye and deaf ear greet God's gracious forewarnings, then historical events begin to overwhelm the arrogant who assume they can manage the exigencies of life without reference to divine viewpoint or establishment truth.
- 32) In absence of a prophet, September 11, 2001 was our forewarning. However, Joash, the officials, and the people were privileged with a visit from several prophets:

2 Chronicles 24:19 - Yet God sent prophets to them [**Judah**] to bring them back to the Lord; though they [**the prophets**] testified against them, they would not listen.

- 33) After this God inspired one particular prophet to address the people. His name was Zechariah, who was the son of Jehoiada the high priest:

2 Chronicles 24:20b - "Thus God has said, 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord and do not prosper [**שָׁלַח saleach: See Psalm 1:1-3**]? Because you have forsaken [**אָזַב 'azav: apostasy of idolatry**] the Lord, He has also forsaken [**loosed from divine protection**] you.'"

v. 21 - So they [**the people of Judah**] conspired against him and at the command of King Joash they stoned him to death in the court of the house of the Lord.

v. 22 - Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Zechariah's father, Jehoiada, had shown him, but murdered his son. And as he died Zechariah said, "May the Lord see and avenge!"

- 1) One of the major duties of a prophet is to warn God's people that they have gone astray. This duty is among those passed from the prophets of old to the pastors-teachers of the Church Age.
- 2) It is the duty of the pastor to analyze the Zeitgeist in which his ministry functions and to discern its spiritual implications. There are numerous keys that assist in the doctrinal scrutiny of the citizens' inventory of thought.
- 3) What is their collective view toward freedom? Are the people willing to sacrifice freedom, which requires personal responsibility, for security, which transfers one's responsibilities over to others?



- 4) What is their collective view toward marriage? Are the people willing to compromise the monogamous relationship of one man with one woman in matrimony for the introduction of same-sex marriage, pre-marital live-in romances, and a multiplicity of sex partners in or outside of marriage?
- 5) What is their collective view toward the family? Are the people willing to accept the idea of a single-parent household as equal with that of a mother and father? Are they willing to accept the notion that homosexuals make good parents? Do they assume as normal a multiplicity of marriages with children of different parents being shuttled from one household to another?
- 6) And while on this subject, what is their collective view toward children in general? Are adults so afraid of being classified as mean-spirited, narrow-minded, intolerant, and politically incorrect that they are willing to allow the souls of their children to be molded on the potter's wheel of prevailing public opinion?
- 7) I only mention issues associated with the four divine institutions but the list could continue indefinitely. The people have lost the thought and thus have become silly.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v.:

Silly. From Greek *ἴλαρός* *hilaros*: cheerful; merry. **3.** Exhibiting a lack of common sense or sound judgment.

Naïve. Deficient of informed judgment.

- 8) It is silly to turn a blind eye toward sexual perversions, drug use, marital infidelity, and the devaluation of marriage. It is silly for adults to think it just fine for children to be reared, taught, led, counseled, and entertained by homosexuals. These people are engaged in a behavior that is a gross sin which should be no more introduced to children than pornography, X-rated movies, and tours of bordellos.
- 9) Television programs, recorded music, video games, movies, books, and sex education classes in the schools indoctrinate children into a way of thinking that is destroying their souls.
- 10) Lucifer is engaged in an all-out assault on all Americas, young and old alike. He has virtually won the battle for the minds and souls of those who populate this client nation. Those who have not been converted have been neutralized by "case law."