

## THERE IS HOPE FOR OUR NATION!

### 2 Kings 22:1-13

INTRODUCTION: When we constantly hear the statistics about crime, rape, drug addiction, alcoholism, abortion, or teen violence we could easily give up on the future of the nation that our children and grandchildren will inherit from us. In our life time our nation has gone off the standard of God's Word, the Bible as the standard for morality.

#### I. OUR AMERICAN TRAGEDY!

We have taken the Ten Commandments out of our schools and out of our courts and allow bribery and cheating to replace them. Today everyone expects their government officials to lie to them. There was a time in our nation when a man's word was his bond, but no longer. We have seen a drop in morals across the board in our land. Not only politicians, but doctors, teachers, and yes the clergy have lost their moral footing today. Speaking of the end of this age our Lord said: Matthew 24:10-13. Today it seems we are almost to that point in our land. Yes something has gone terribly wrong in the United States, but it is not the first time a godly nation has turned away from the Person and the teachings of their God. The good news is that a nation can repent! It has happened before. There is hope!

#### II. JUDAH'S TRAGEDY!

When the nation of Israel broke up into Israel and Judah, the Bible tells us Israel had no godly kings. However, the Southern kingdom of Judah did have several godly kings who led their nation to repentance and revival in the land. 2 Kings 21:1-9; 2 Kings 21:19-23. After 57 years of having idolatry and depravity rule the nation you would think there would be no hope for the nation of Judah, but you would be wrong!

#### III. GOD'S MAN MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Amon, a very wicked king had a son named Josiah who became a godly man and led the greatest revival in Judah's history. Josiah had a heart to know and obey the Lord Jehovah. 2 Kings 22:8-11. At the age of 26 was the first time Josiah heard the Word of the Lord spoken. Josiah brought the Bible back to national prominence and a revival started. 2 Kings 23:1-3. Can you imagine such a thing happening in our nation? The only hope for our nation or for any nation is the establishment of the Word of God as the standard of right and wrong! The nations of the world, including our own nation have come to the point of saying there is no transcending values which are absolute. Jeremiah 2:13; Psalm 33:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Galatians 6:7-8. We must have national repentance and claim the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and the Bible as His Word for daily living. 2 Kings 23:4-5; 2 Kings 23:21-23. We must pray for godly leaders who will bring our nation back to the Word of God and the God of the Word!