

A NATION BORN AGAIN!

Psalm 80:1-7

INTRODUCTION: Our nation claimed independence from England on July 4, 1776 but claimed dependence upon our God on that same date. Our nation must return to that dependence upon our God or face judgment. The nation of Israel had a history very much like that of our nation. When Israel forgot God judgment came: Psalm 80:1-3; Psalm 20:7.

I. ISRAEL WAS DIVINELY PLANTED BY GOD!

The nation of Israel and the United States of America, I believe were divinely planted by God: Psalm 80:8. Our government was set up on the belief in one true God and His Word being His revelation to mankind. Our nation's founders truly believed in a God Who has given all mankind "Certain unalienable rights." They did not believe in evolution as is being taught today in our public schools! Our first president was noted as a man who prayed. Many of our national leaders have been men of faith down through the years.

II. ISRAEL WAS DIVINELY PROTECTED BY GOD!

Israel was divinely protected by her God: Psalm 80:8-9. Just as Israel was divinely planted and protected by God so has the United States of America been divinely planted and protected by our God. If we compare over the years what has happened to the other nations of the world compared to what has happened here in the United States it becomes obvious that God has protected our nation. Israel as the United States has divinely prospered at our God's hands: Psalm 80:10-11. When Israel and the United States have held to God's Word they have prospered. However, just as Israel hit judgment so America also is facing the judgment of God: Psalm 80:12. When our God removes His hedge from nations they go down rapidly. There is internal danger for the United States: Psalm 80:13. We are in danger of God removing His protection from our nation today: Psalm 80:14-15; Psalm 80:16. We have enemies around us, we have enemies within our nation but we must fear most God becoming our enemy because of our national sins that we refuse to repent of.

III. A GREAT NATIONAL DESPAIR!

Our nation is becoming spiritually sterile. Psalm 80:4. People say we need to pray for America and we do but prayer is not the answer unless there is a national turning from our rebellion against our God. The prayers of wicked and unrepentant sinners only move our God to anger! Our nation is not being compared to other nations because our nation has been given so much more than other nations: Luke 12:48; Psalm 66:18. Because of a lack of national repentance tears are about to flow: Psalm 80:5. We cannot flaunt our God and prosper. We are heading toward national shame: Psalm 80:6. One of the greatest promises in the Bible is found in Psalm 33:12. We need as a nation to return to our God that He might return to us: Psalm 80:14-19. This man of God spoken of here is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 80:14-15. We need a movement of God in our land today: Psalm 80:18. We as a nation stand in need of a miracle of God in our land: Psalm 80:18; 2 Chronicles 7:14.