

Is America Passed The Time Appointed – 1/21/24

TEXT- Jeremiah 46:17 *They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.*

INTRO – The final chapters of the book of Jeremiah describe God's judgments upon neighboring countries. Especially Babylon, Egypt, and Syria. **Egypt was the greatest empire in the world at one time. The Pharaoh was the most powerful person in the world.**

Ancient Egypt was the preeminent civilization in the Mediterranean world for almost 30 centuries—from its unification around 3100 B.C. to its conquest by Alexander the Great in 332 B.C. From the great pyramids of the Old Kingdom through the military conquests of the New Kingdom,

Egypt had land

They had new weaponry (bronze swords, chariots etc.)

They controlled their borders with neighboring countries.

They had wealth – Traded for gold from other countries.

Wealth flowed into the royal treasury from beyond Egypt's borders and Amenhotep III could afford to pay large crews of workers to erect his temples and monuments.

The country continued to be a powerful force under Rameses II but lost its power under Rameses III.

The Great Sphinx and the pyramids are a testament to their power and wealth.

It was Joseph's family that came to Egypt during the great famine

Moses led Israel out of Egypt. Egypt was a picture of the world.

Israel tried to seek protection and alliance from Egypt instead of from God.

Jesus' family fled to Egypt for protection.

Jeremiah 25:31 *A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.*

Jeremiah describes Egypt as stepping over the line and their would be judgment upon the country.

"he hath passed the time appointed"

God had a purpose for all nations but when they refused to repent and worship Him it was inevitable that they would face judgment.

The fall of Babylon is addressed in length in the last chapters of Jeremiah.

God used this evil nation to judge Israel but also predicted their down fall and at the same time he predicted the return and blessing of Israel. Jeremiah prophesied this captivity would last 70 years and then Israel would return.

In Daniel chapter 5 Daniel interprets the handwriting on the wall. The

kingdom of Babylon would fall. That very same night the palace was invaded.

Daniel 5:30 *In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.*

What about America. Is America special.

Consider the world looks to America for leadership.

The world currency is based upon the American dollar.

America has the strongest economy in the world.

America is rich in energy.

America has a constitution that delegates power to the citizen. (The Idea of America.)

America has sent missionaries all over the world.

America has a first amendment of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

America certainly has been great since its inception in the 1700's.

Will the greatness of our country come to an end?

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public school system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great. – Alex de Tocqueville

I. The Problem In America

Is America's time of prosperity passed?

Americans in that past sought virtue.

Today the culture seeks freedom from morality.

According to a recent Rasmussen poll, 51 percent of Americans believe that her best days are indeed gone forever.

If everyone went to church in Southington (45,000) every church (20) would average 2250 in attendance every Sunday

If every church averaged 200 in attendance that would mean only 4000 people would be attending on a Sunday. 10%

Maybe the average would be closer to 100 which means only 5% attendance on a regular basis.

America is the largest economy in the world. Will it continue to be?
Psalms 9:17 *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

II. The Need In America.

- A. The pulpits of America must preach the truth and warn the country.**
- B. The government and leaders must exalt righteousness.**
- C. Christian people must wake up from their lethargy.**

III. The Future of America

- A. The future is uncertain**
- B. The times reflect the godless society of Sodom**
- C. America is not mentioned in Scripture**

Is it because believers are raptured and America is weakened.

Does America turn against Israel?

Is America defeated and ruined by another world power?

Does America join forces with Europe and become a part of their alliance?

We know the nation that forget God will face judgment

We know in Sodom there were less than 10 saved souls living there.

(Genesis 18)

In the days of Noah, only his family survived. (8 souls)

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