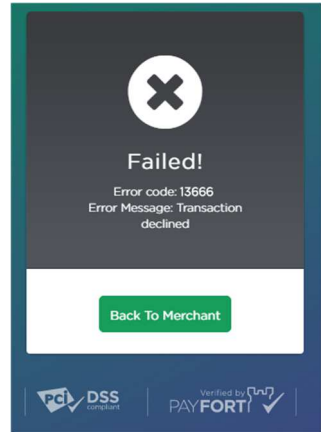




(Revelation 13:16-17) He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, (17) and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.



(Jeremiah 32:37) Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.

(Ezekiel 36:24) For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

(Deuteronomy 30:4) If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.

(Isaiah 11:11) It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

5. Dads, _____ your _____,

(Ephesians 6:4) And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

(Deuteronomy 6:5-7) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (6) "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

(Hebrews 12:6) FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

(Hebrews 12:11) Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

(Proverbs 13:24) He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

(1 Samuel 2:24) No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD's people transgress.

6. Be _____,

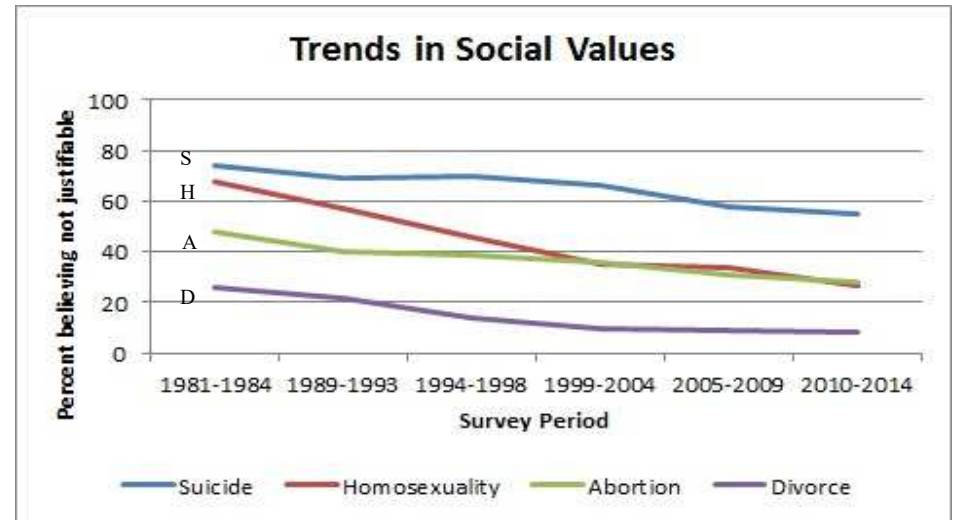


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The Shepherds

A Time Like Ours



- 2 Kings 23:34, 35, 36, 37

(Jeremiah 22:18) Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim ...: "They shall not lament for him, ...

(Jeremiah 26:1-8) In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim .. this word came from the LORD, saying, ... (6) .. I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." ' ' ... (8) Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking ...all the people seized him, saying, "You will surely die!

(Jeremiah 25:1, 9) The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, ..(9) behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, 'and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a





hissing, and perpetual desolations./

(Jeremiah 26:23) And they brought Urijah from Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword ..

(Jeremiah 36:22-23) Now the king was sitting in the winter house .. with a fire burning on the hearth before him. (23) And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

• 2 Kings 24: 1-3

(2 Chronicles 36:6-7) Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon. (7) Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some of the articles from the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

• 2 Kings 24:6, 8, 10-11, 13-14, 16-20

(2 Chronicles 36:13-16) And he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear an oath by God; but he .. hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel. (14) Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of the LORD which He had consecrated in Jerusalem. (15) And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. (16) But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy.

• 2 Kings 25:1-4, 7

(2 Chronicles 36:17-21) Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand. (18) And all the articles from the house of God, great and small, the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all these he took to Babylon. (19) Then they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions. (20) And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, (21) to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

From the last chapters of 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles there are 6 lessons to highlight:

1. Trust _____; not _____, 2 Kings 24:1

(Proverbs 29:25) The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

(Isaiah 30:2) Who .. go down to Egypt, And have not asked My advice, To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

(Jeremiah 46:25) The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says: "Behold, I will bring punishment on .. Pharaoh and Egypt, with their gods and their kings; Pharaoh and those who trust in him.

(Proverbs 3:5-6) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; (6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.



2. Turn to _____ from _____, 2 Chronicles

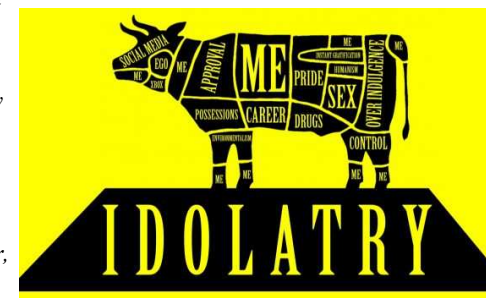
(1 Thessalonians 1:9) ..you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

(1 John 5:21) Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

(Jeremiah 35:15) I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.' But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me.

(Jeremiah 44:3) because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense and to serve other gods whom they did not know, they nor you nor your fathers.

(Exodus 20:3) You are to have no other gods besides me. [ISV]



3. _____ to God,

(Ephesians 2:20) .. built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

(Jeremiah 37:1-2) Now King Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned ... 2) But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land gave heed to the words of the LORD which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

(Jeremiah 38:2) "Thus says the LORD: 'He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but he who goes over to the Chaldeans shall live; his life shall be as a prize to him, and he shall live.'

(Revelation 2:4) Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

(Revelation 2:10) .. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

(Revelation 2:25) But hold fast what you have till I come.

(Revelation 3:3) ...Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

(Revelation 3:10) Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

(Revelation 3:16) So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.



4. Know the _____,

(Matthew 16:3) ... Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

(Matthew 24:6-8) And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. (7) For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. (8) All these are the beginning of sorrows.

