

# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of ???????.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.*

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THE CITY OF NINEVEH,  
THE JUDGMENT OF GOD,  
AND A WARNING TO THE UNITED STATES

*"From Nineveh to the  
United States is a Short Distance"*

Nahum 1:12-14

Sept. 28, 2014

# **Nahum 1:12-14**

12 Thus says the Lord,

"Though they are at full strength and likewise many,  
Even so, they will be cut off and pass away.

Though I have afflicted you,  
I will afflict you no longer.

13 "So now, I will break his yoke bar from upon you,  
And I will tear off your shackles."

14 The Lord has issued a command concerning you:  
"Your name will no longer be perpetuated.

I will cut off idol and image  
From the house of your gods.

I will prepare your grave,  
For you are contemptible."

# Nineveh

The greatest empire of its time.

A leader in culture, education, wealth, influence, power and innovation.

A military superpower

An unprecedented spiritual past.

An empire who had decided to ignore God's Word.

An empire who had become internally corrupt and evil and manifested its evil particularly in the ruthless treatment of their enemies.

# United States

The greatest nation of its time.

A leader in culture, education, wealth, influence, power and innovation.

A military superpower.

An unprecedented spiritual past.

A nation who has decided to ignore God's Word.

A nation who is internally fast becoming very sinful and evil, and is manifesting its evil in the moral decay that is sweeping over the country.

# Nineveh



# United States



## **Rom 1:18-32**

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
- 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
- 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.
- 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,

30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

# 10 STEPS TO DESTRUCTION

1. Man knows God exists. (19)

2. Man suppresses the truth about the existence of God. (18)

3. Man's heart is darkened. (21)

4. Exchange #1: Man exchanges God for himself. (23)

**5. God removes restraining grace (#1)- gives man over to impurity to dishonor the body. (24)**

6. Exchange #2: Man exchanges truth for a lie. (25)

**7. God removes restraining grace (#2) - gives man over to distorted and perverted passions- LGBT (26)**



8. Man wants no knowledge of God. (28a)

**9. God removes restraining grace (#3) – gives man over to a depraved mind which manifests itself in 21 sinful ways (28b)- “unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful.**

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10. Man, in spite of the consequences of death, passes laws, flaunts, promotes, endorses, elects government officials, and does whatever is necessary to encourage and force his sinful, perverted lifestyle on society and culture.

## **Rom 2:14-15**

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,

15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

Moral law of God written on every man's heart. (Rom. 2:15)



Man has been given a conscience that acts as a moral internal alarm to warn him when God's moral law is being obeyed or being violated.



Man "sears" his conscience when he ignores God's moral law and instead reprograms his heart with his own law so that sin no longer pricks his conscience and causes him to feel guilty. Having one's conscience seared is the result of continual, unrepentant sinning.



A "seared" conscience will justify and encourage any and all behavior and nothing can stop it. The speed and degree to which a nation plunges to destruction is dependant on the degree to which God's moral law has been replaced by human law and a seared conscience.

**60's** Promiscuity/Adultery/Fornication/

Birth Control Pill/Contraceptives/Communal Living

**70's** Abortion/Feminism/Premarital Sex

**80's** Homosexuality

**90'S** Normalization of Pornography/Homosexuality

**2000's** Legalized Homosexual Marriage/LGBT/Gay Pride

Weekend and Parades

**Next Phase** Transgender/Bisexual/Bestiality/Normalization  
of Prostitution/Removal of any and all barriers  
to sexual expression and desires.

“What makes the current moral and sexual revolution so different from previous moral revolutions is that it is taking place at an utterly unprecedented velocity. Previous generations experienced moral revolutions over decades, even centuries. This current revolution is happening at warp speed.”

- Al Mohler

# The Moral Decline of the United States

## *Since 1963*

Premarital sex has increased 500 percent.

Unwed pregnancy is up 400 percent.

Sexually transmitted diseases are up 200 percent.

Suicides are up 400 percent.

Single-parent families are up 140 percent.

Violent crime is up 500 percent.

The divorce rate has doubled, teen suicide has tripled, reported violent crime has quadrupled, the prison population has quintupled, the percentage of babies born out of wedlock has risen sixfold, couples living together out of wedlock have increased sevenfold, and gay marriage is now a legalized reality in a number of states.

The number of Americans who claim no religious affiliation has nearly doubled since 1990.

The number of people willing to describe themselves as atheist or agnostic has increased fourfold from 1990 to 2009.

Two thirds of the public (68 percent) now say religion is "losing influence" in American society.

Fewer people now think of the United States as a "Christian nation" (62 percent in 2009 versus 69 percent in 2008).

America has the highest percentage of single-parent families in the industrialized world, the highest abortion rate, the highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases, the highest rate of teenage birth, the highest rate of teenage drug use and the largest prison population per capita than any country in the world.

"America "is embracing a horrifying moral rebellion that is transforming our culture before our very eyes.""

*- Al Mohler*

## **Prov 14:34**

**34 Righteousness exalts a nation,  
But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

**“The highways of history are strewn  
with the wreckage of nations that forgot God.”**

**- Anonymous**