

Daily Devotional, February 9, 2021

'God's Providence Over Nations' , (Jeremiah 18:7-10, NKJV)

“The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.” (Jeremiah 18:7-10)

As we read through the pages of the Old Testament history books, we see how God providentially raised up nations, and brought them low. We see the outworking of this through the history of the nation of Israel in particular.

God's providence over nations, being universal, also applies to the United States of America. It was no accident of history that our nation was founded. The Lord built it and planted it here, as it says in our text. Christopher Columbus, that great explorer, sought to spread the gospel to faraway lands, and so he did when he reached the Americas. The faithful pilgrims of old, and others fleeing religious persecution in Europe, came to our shores in search of a place where they could freely worship God without hindrance from the government. In the passage of time, our forefathers threw off the yoke of the British overlords, and founded the USA on Christian principles. In so doing, our nation received the blessings of God Almighty according to these two Scriptures. *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD”* (Psalm 33:12). *“Righteousness exalts a nation”* (Proverbs 14:34a). But the latter Scripture also warns that *“sin is a reproach to any people”* (Proverbs 14:34b). As a nation, we had the blessing, we have enjoyed the blessing, but we have either forfeited the right to the blessing or we are very far on the way to some serious national divine judgments after the manner of those found in **Leviticus Chapter 26** and **Deuteronomy Chapter 28**. The promise remains as long as our nation still stands that *“if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.”* The nation will not turn from its evil if Christians do nothing. But perhaps you will do something. And then perhaps God will grant us a stay as the spirit of your personal revival spreads across this land.