

AUSTRALIA UNDER GOD'S CURSE

Deuteronomy 8:10-20

INTRODUCTION

- It was on this day, 232 years ago that the “First Fleet”, under the leadership of Captain Arthur Philip, landed at Sydney Cove
- The chaplain, Richard Johnson, brought with him to Australia over 4000 books including 100 full Bibles and 400 New Testaments
- This is a momentous day in Australian history, a day we should all rejoice in, yet there are some who call it “Invasion Day”
- Yet the 26th of January 1788 was truly an “invasion”
 - ✓ An invasion of light into darkness
 - ✓ An invasion of the Gospel into idolatry
 - ✓ An invasion of liberty to those in bondage
 - ✓ An invasion of civilisation to savagery
- The book of Deuteronomy is full of solemn admonitions and warnings to Israel to not forget the Lord, to obey Him and love him
- While these warnings are written primarily to God's covenant people of Israel, yet we know that God expects all nations to fear and serve him (Acts 17:30; Romans 1:21-25), and judges those who refuse to (Jonah 1:2; Habakkuk 2:8; Jeremiah 48:35; Amos 2:1-2; Obadiah 1-4; Ezekiel 30:13)
- Furthermore, a nation that has known the Gospel for so long and been blessed with abundant heavenly light is all the more accountable when it rejects the Lord (Luke 12:48)

I. AUSTRALIA HAS A HERITAGE OF GODLINESS

- A. The first settlement was founded upon Christian principles
 - 1. Soon after their arrival, regular Sunday worship was instituted, and within five years chaplain Richard Johnson started the first school in Australia
- B. Our laws were based upon God's law

C. Australia's constitution is a Christian document

1. It begins with the words "...humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God..."

D. Australia's first parliament was a Christian service

1. On the 9th May 1901, the first parliament of Australia began with the singing of Psalm 100; it was followed by a prayer which included the following:

"We pray Thee at this time to vouchsafe Thy special blessing upon the Federal Parliament now assembling for their first session, and that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory and to the true welfare of the people of Australia, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

2. Alfred Deakin, the father of federation, and our second Prime Minister wrote, "Sufficient to say that the religion of Jesus Christ is the life of the present, the light of the future, and the hope of the world."

E. Australia has seen numerous revivals

II. AUSTRALIA IS HARDENED IN GODLESSNESS

A. Education

1. Change in history curriculum to a "black arm band view" which despises British colonisation and exalts Aboriginal culture
2. Attempts have been made to change BC and AD to BCE and CE
3. Teaching evolution instead of creation
4. Sexual promiscuity, acceptance of homosexuality

B. Abortion

1. There are about 90,000 abortions in Australia each year
2. There are 250,000 live births each year in Australia, which means that there are 2 aborted babies for every 5 born
3. 1 in 6 Australian women have had an abortion

C. The destruction of marriage

1. No fault divorce was introduced in 1975
 2. Fewer couples are marrying, choosing rather to live in sin
 3. Sodomite "marriage" is an attempt to pervert and corrupt God's institution of marriage
- D. The republican movement and change to the flag
1. The republic movement is ultimately a push by godless infidels to remove all traces of Christianity from our laws
 2. Likewise the flag with its three Christian crosses is an obstacle to the pursuit of a secular humanist society
- E. The incorporation of Aboriginal animism into public life
1. "Smoking ceremonies" are demonic rituals, giving devils access to those who participate in them
 2. Digeridoos are traditionally used for summoning demons
- F. Waning support for Israel (Genesis 12:3)
- G. Muslim immigration
- H. Godless leadership
1. In 1999 John Howard tried to change our constitution from "humbly relying upon the blessing of Almighty God" to "with hope in God".
 2. Prime Minister Morrison today attributed Australia's success to "the efforts and intellect and willingness and determination to stand one with each other."

III. AUSTRALIA'S HOPE IS THE GOSPEL

What are Christians to do?

- A. Stand up for Jesus Christ
1. In times of great ungodliness, we see with more clarity the distinction between Christ's kingdom and the powers of darkness that rule this world (1 John 5:19)

2. Christ's kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36)
 3. We are to shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:14-16)
 4. There should be a clear distinction between the Christian and the world (1 Peter 4:1-5)
 5. God calls his people to boldly reprove the wickedness around them (Ezekiel 22:30-31; Mark 6:18; Ephesians 5:11)
 - a. The Bible does not support post-millennialism/reconstructionism/Presbyterian theonomy, state-churches.
 - b. Nor do we support focussing upon politics instead of gospel preaching
 - c. However, Christians should take an involvement in the society they live in (Matthew 5:13-16)
 6. God equips those He calls (Jeremiah 1:4-10; Matthew 10:19)
- B. Show love to the lost
1. Our attitude towards the ungodly should be one of sorrow for their blindness and coming judgment (Jeremiah 13:17; 9:1; Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 19:41)
 2. We ought to desire and work for their salvation (Romans 10:1)
- C. Pray for our authorities
1. That they would fear God (Psalm 9:17-20)
 2. That they would allow us to live as Christians without persecution (1 Timothy 2:1-4; Nehemiah 1:11; Esther 4:16)
- D. Trust in God
1. We can take comfort in the assurance that God's kingdom will ultimately prevail (Psalm 2)
 2. This will enable us to patiently endure unto the coming of the Lord (James 5:7-8)