

Psalm 33:12 (NLT2)

What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people He has chosen as His inheritance.

Don't you just love today's verse from the Psalms? If you are like me, when we read this we want to post it on social media telling others how the USA would have joy if they came back to the Lord. Which is true, in a sense. But one thing we need to remember, and that is that the bible is not written around the USA, in fact, there is no mention of the USA as a nation in the bible.

With that in mind, look at the second half of today's devotional verse that says, "*whose people He has chosen as His inheritance.*" Sorry to burst your bubble if you think this is the USA, but this is talking about Israel, because Israel is the only people and nation that the Lord has called His chosen people and His inheritance.

- † **Romans 9:4 (NLT2)** *They are the people of Israel, chosen to be God's adopted children. God revealed His glory to them. He made covenants with them and gave them His law. He gave them the privilege of worshiping Him and receiving His wonderful promises.*
- † **2 Chronicles 6:6** *Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there; and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.*
- † **Deuteronomy 4:7** *For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?*

Yes, this nation (the USA) was founded on biblical principles and our early leaders were men of God, and yes, I believe God is judging this nation because it has turned its back on God and went after false gods and idols and demonic ways of life, just like Sodom and Gomorrah did.

- † **Isaiah 3:9** *The look on their countenance witnesses against them, And they declare their sin as Sodom; They do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves.*

We have become "**One Nation Under God**" to "**One Nation that has turned its back on God.**" But there is good news, and that is that even though we (the USA) are not the chosen people of God, if we repent as a nation, or if any nation repents before God, He will forgive them and heal their land.

- † **Jeremiah 18:7-10** *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.

“We just celebrated the 4th of July, aren't you a little late on this message?” You may be thinking. No, because repentance of a nation has nothing to do with it's manmade holidays, but rather the heart of the people in that nation, and the heart of God towards those people. We can't wait another year for the next 4th of July to come around before we repent as a nation, today is a great day to do it, not tomorrow or next month or during Christmas or Easter, but today.

† ***Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.***

† ***Jeremiah 26:13 (KJV) Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.***

Once again, this verse in Jeremiah is in regard to Israel, but will God also look down upon the USA if we “***amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God***” and heal us and our land? Well, there is one way to find out if He will, and that is if we truly, as a nation, and even starting with the church in the USA, start to “***amend our ways and our doings, and obey the voice of the LORD our God.***”

So, if you haven't been, then start praying for the USA and the churches in the USA, let's also pray for ourselves that God would search each and every one of our hearts, showing us where we need to repent and return to the Lord as well.

Also, as the bible and the prophecies are written around Israel, let's pray for Israel. Yes we have been praying for God's protection as war is happening there right now, but let's pray even more so that as they have returned to the land of Israel, that their heart's would return to God as well, and that they would believe in the true Messiah, Jesus Christ and be saved as a nation and as the chosen people of God!

† ***Jeremiah 30:3 For behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.' "***

† ***Jeremiah 24:7 Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.***