

Impending National Disaster

Judges 1:1-4; 2:1-16

A Man or a Nation Without God soon finds BIG TROUBLE. (Judges 17:6)

Israel Denied the Lord, Defiled the Land with sin & Defied God's Law.

As a Nation, we have Turned Away from the God Who Made us Great and we have Gone after gods of our OWN Design.

Today we Get a Glimpse of What Lies Ahead for America, if we DO NOT RETURN to God.

1. ISRAEL ENJOYED A GLORIOUS CONQUEST (vv.1:1-4)

- They Enjoyed **God's PROVIDENCE** – Verse 2, “I have delivered...”
- They Enjoyed **God's POWER**– Verse 4, “the Lord delivered...”
- They Enjoyed **God's PROMISES**
- America is the **Product** of the Sovereign Will of Almighty God.

2. ISRAEL TOLERATED GRADUAL COMPROMISE (vv. 2:1-2)

- Sadly, over time, things **Began to Change** for Israel. (Judges 2:7,10)
- America has **Already Taken Many** of the **same Steps** down the **Same Slippery Slope** that **Israel took** all those years ago.
- America is **Compromising** with the “**Canaanites**” of our day.
- We have become a **Nation of Compromisers**.

3. ISRAEL EXPERIENCED GRIM CONSEQUENCES (vv.2:11-15)

- **What Awaits America**, if we **Don't RETURN To God?**
- Israel Endured A **DIVINE SENTENCE** (2:3)
- Israel Expressed **DEEP SORROW** (2:4-5)
- Israel Plunged Into **DEEPENING SIN** (2:6-15)
- God was **Patient, Longsuffering & Loving** with His people and He was going to **Give Them every chance** to **Set Things Right**. (v. 2:16)