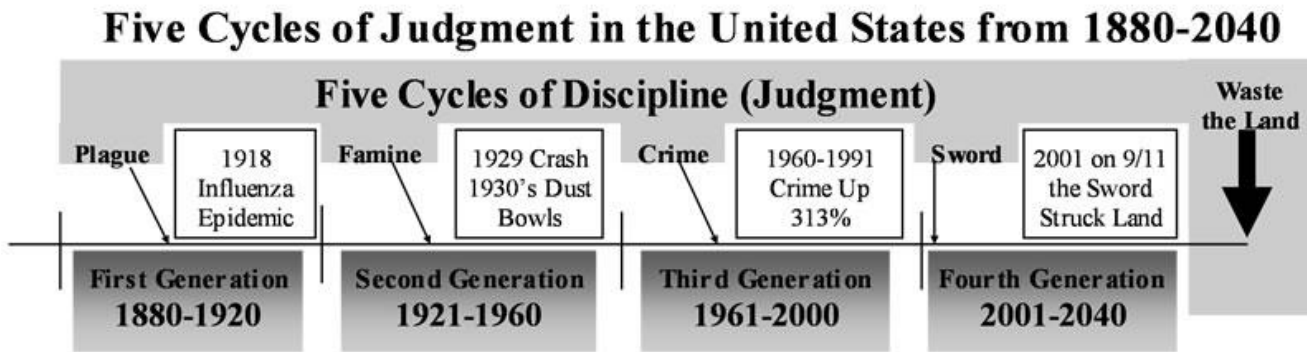


The United States and Its Five Cycles of Judgment



Each of the four generations has been met with a new cycle of judgment as declared by God in Leviticus 26. What will God's response be after the fourth generation in America? Will it be the same response he had when "the sin of the Amorites was full?" Will it be like the end of the fourth generation in Israel in 70 AD? Or will our nation heed God's warnings before it's too late?

The Warnings

The **first generation (1880-1920)** received their warning via disease and plague as promised in Leviticus 26:14-16.

"But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, then I will do this to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life."

The 1918 Influenza Epidemic infected 28% of all Americans. The disease was so devastating that the average American's lifespan decreased by ten years in a twenty-four month period. Ten times more Americans died from this plague than died in World War I (also being fought during this time).

The **second generation (1921-1960)** was disciplined with the promises of Leviticus 2:18-20.

"If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over. I will break down your stubborn pride and make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze. Your strength will be spent in vain, because your soil will not yield its crops, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit."

The stock market crashed in 1929. In one day, \$30,000,000,000 disappeared from the American economy. The Great Depression devastated families living in the 1930's. The country watched as crop prices fell 40-60%. Added to these problems were the dustbowls that ravaged America's plains and ruined 50,000,000 acres of land. The dustbowls are, believe it or not, known as "the most devastating weather event in American history." The drought peaked in 1936 when the summer heat set temperature records that are still standing today. During this time, FDR said, "I see one-third of our nation is ill-housed, ill-clad, and ill-nourished."

The **next generation (1961-2000) entered the third cycle** of judgment described in Leviticus 26:21-22.

"If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve. I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle and make you so few in number that your roads will be deserted."

Crime rates rose dramatically during these years. The United States Crime Index Rate per 100,000 people went from 1,887.2 in 1960 to 5,897.8 in 1991. The crime rate in this generation was 313% higher than the last. There were an additional 55,775 deaths from the Vietnam War during these years—most of the deaths were young people ages 17-29.

According to Leviticus 26:23-25, the **fourth cycle** of discipline begins the day that the Lord "will bring the sword upon you" to strike people in your land.

"If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, I myself will be hostile toward you and will afflict you for your sins seven times over. And I will bring the sword upon you to avenge the breaking of the covenant."

On **September 11, 2001, the sword did indeed strike the United States. If this fourth generation (2001-2040) continues without repentance, we should prepare to meet upcoming plague and food rations, before finally being given into enemy hands (Lev.26:25-26).**

"When you withdraw into your cities, I will send a plague among you, and you will be given into enemy hands. When I cut off your supply of bread, ten women will be able to bake your bread in one oven, and they will dole out the bread by weight. You will eat, but you will not be satisfied."

The **fifth cycle of judgment** will involve the overthrow of our nation.

"If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over. You will eat

the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters. I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars and pile your dead bodies on the lifeless forms of your idols, and I will abhor you. I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will take no delight in the pleasing aroma of your offerings. I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled.”

Leviticus 26:27-32

Summary

In the late 1800's, our nation got rid of the old idea of God in favor of new ideas. In the early 1900's, those new ideas were developed into a philosophy to live by. During the second half of the 1900's, that philosophy was applied to our homes, schools, churches, governments, and businesses. We are now reaping the harvest of the past 120 years. The humanists' advice to abandon traditional Christianity has not made our society better. Our families and children are not stronger or happier. John Dewey's call to "pursue knowledge" hasn't solved our problems, and we are not a better nation because we finally shook off the shackles of a Creator and Savior.

We as a nation must begin the recovery process from secular humanism. We must realize we've been brainwashed through our schooling. We must recognize that our uber-tolerant, anything-goes society is still moving us further away from what God wants from us. If we want to endure to see the fifth generation in America, *we must change now.*