

## 1. Elite vs Middle Class

- a. Jeremiah 22:17 – Speaking to Jehoiakim, “You have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence.”
- b. Isaiah 5:8 – “Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land.”
- c. Hosea 4:1-3 – “Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.”
- d. Micah 2:2 – “They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.”
  - i. 1 Kings 21:1 – “Sometime later, Naboth the Jezreelite happened to own a vineyard in Jezreel next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria...”
- e. Micah 2:8-9 – “lately my people have risen up as an enemy; you strip the rich robe from those who pass by trustingly with no thought of war. The women of my people you drive out from their delightful houses; from their young children you take away my splendor forever.
- f. Micah 3:9-11 – “Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who detest justice and make crooked all that is straight, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity. Its heads give judgment for a bribe; its priests teach for a price; its prophets practice divination for money; yet they lean on the LORD and say, “Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us.”
- g. Amos 2:6-8 – “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned; they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.”
- h. Amos 8:4-6 – “Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel[d] great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals

and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

2. Post-modern culture will quickly consume Christianity as a dry grain field:

<h1>Postmodern</h1>
Postmodernism believes it is impossible to correctly describe reality. Truth may exist, but we cannot know it. We cannot recognize, find or judge Truth.
1945 - present (several decades)
1948 - Israel becomes a nation 1948 - Invention of the transistor 1950's - Television enters homes 1962 - Cuban missile crisis 1964 - Berkeley Free Speech Movement 1975 - Reyerabend's "Against Method" 1980's - Personal computers mass market
All truth is limited, approximate, evolving. No theory can ever be proven true. We can only prove a theory to be false. Physical reality is not deterministic. Scientific concepts are mental constructs. It is extreme skepticism.
Friedrich Nietzsche Ludwig Wittgenstein Thomas Kuhn Taborsky Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) Kierkegaard
Deconstruction Anti-authority Post-structuralism
"The only absolute truth is that there are no absolute truths" -Feyerabend

Postmodern is open to spiritual reality, recognizes humans are flawed, understands the authentic need for relationships and the power of a community.
Postmodern's downfall is its rejection of absolute truth and its skepticism of anyone or any institution committed to a portion of God's absolute reality. Its pluralistic, relativism is never applicable in science, engineering, technology since this philosophy would utterly fail in those areas.
• mystery • journey • non-judgmental • tolerance • ambiguity • conversation
The Bible is not clear or understandable as it is. Postmodernism inside the church does not deny the Bible, but it adamantly denies the clarity of Scripture. Postmodernism denies our ability to know what the Bible means. We must access other sources to find meaning and clarity. Even if God is the author, we still do not understand the text without a mystical insight and a more complete understanding through conversations with others (even non-believers).
Postmodernism is a depressing philosophy. It is difficult to discuss, indirect in its approach and impossible to articulate. In its reaction against the overconfidence of science in the Modern Age when science attempted to explain reality, origins, truth and morals, Postmodernism has deconstructed logic, reality to a useless, directionless level. Postmodernism has delivered society from the hands of absolute scientific tyranny to a freefall into a bottomless pit of chaos.
Postmodernism cannot sustain a democracy.
The only philosophical virtue left is tolerance which is like a medical doctor diagnosing every infection, bacteria, cancer and mental disorder as "normal" and prescribing an aspirin until the patient gets acclimated to their "normal condition."
As to Postmodernism's rejection of absolute truth and light, Jesus' words apply:  <i>"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."</i> (John 3:19-20)

3. No temporal defense for Christians

- a. Habakkuk 3:16-19
- b. Daniel 7:21 and 7:25 and 8:24

4. Failures and disasters will be blamed on Christians

- a. Jeremiah in Egypt – Jeremiah 44:15-30
- b. Nero and the burning of Rome blamed on Christians – 2 Peter 3