

# Oppression and Tyranny of the Fourth Generation

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Luke 20:45-47 – “And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

Micah 2:2-3 – “Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance. Therefore thus says the Lord: behold, against this family I am devising disaster, from which you cannot remove your necks, and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be a time of disaster.”

Jeremiah 22:11-17 - “...But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence.”

Amos 8: 4-8 – “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 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?” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who dwells in it.”

Habakkuk 1:4

Hosea 4:1-6

Amos 2:6-8

Amos 8:4-6

Micah 3:1-12 \*

Micah 6:10-13

Isaiah 1:23

Isaiah 3:1-5, 8-9

Isaiah 5:18-24

## First Generation

"Curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers." (Pr.30:11)

**1880-1920**

### CHARACTERISTICS

Reject Godly Heritage.  
Renounce divine authority and revelation of Scripture.

## Second Generation

"Pure in their own eyes, and yet not cleansed from their filth." (Pr.30:12)

**1921-1960**

### CHARACTERISTICS

Lost universal code of right and wrong.  
Deny the sinfulness of mankind.  
Human logic creates new philosophies  
Evaluate Truth by human reason.

## Third Generation

"Eyes are ever so haughty, whose glances are so disdainful." (Pr.30:13)

**1961-2000**

### CHARACTERISTICS

Personal preference establishes ethics.  
Inflated value of self.  
"The *Me* Generation"  
Self-centered, focused on happiness.

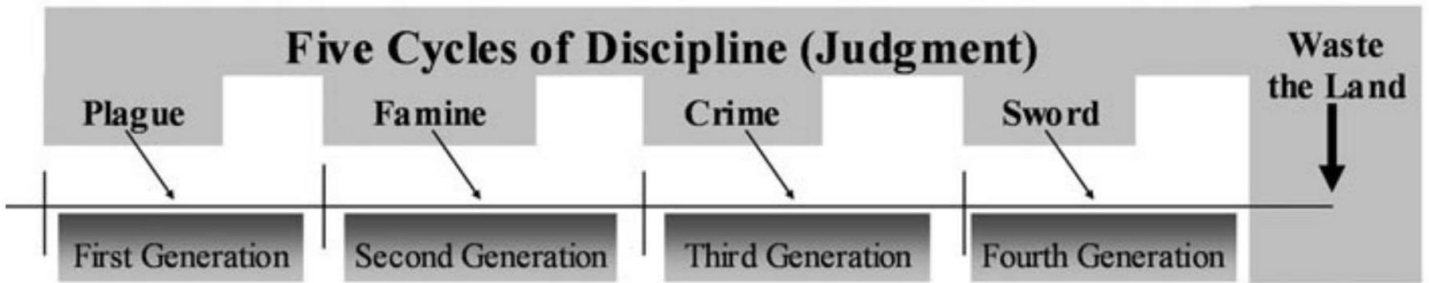
## Fourth Generation

"Teeth are swords and whose jaws are set with knives to devour the poor from the earth, the needy from among mankind." (Pr.30:14)

**2001-2040**

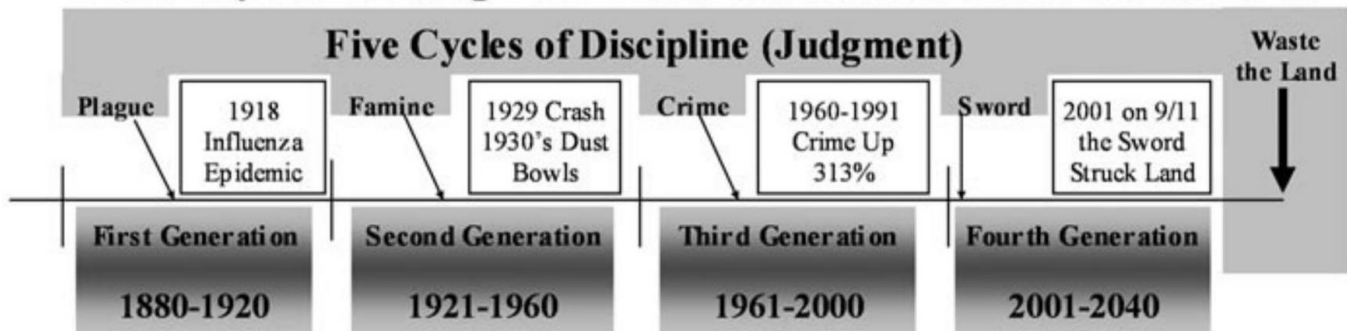
### CHARACTERISTICS

Violent. Barbaric. Consumers.  
Tyrants when leading government.  
Remove needy who burden society.  
Trample poor when no longer politically useful.

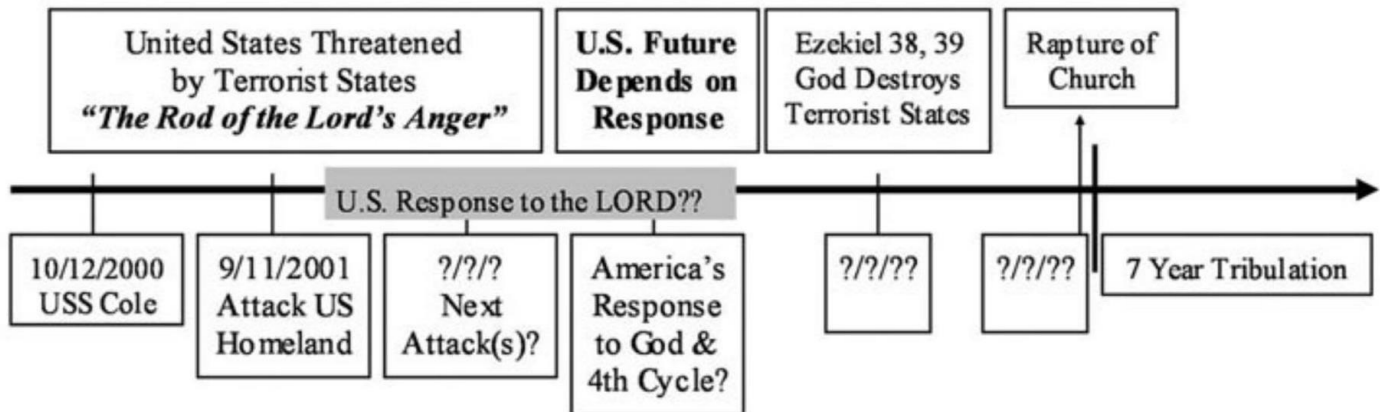


*Its Five Cycles of Judgment*

**Five Cycles of Judgment in the United States from 1880-2040**



**Will The United States Respond to God's Fourth Cycle of Discipline??**



	Premodern	Modern	Postmodern
Defined	Divine revelation is the source of Truth. Find and establish Truth through revelation.	Human reason is the source of Truth. Find and establish truth through human reason and science.	Postmodernism believes it is impossible to correctly describe reality. Truth may exist, but we cannot know it. We cannot recognize, find or judge Truth.
Years	10,000 BC - 1500 AD (several millennia)	1500 - 1945 (several centuries)	1945 - present (several decades)
Events	4000 BC - Sumer in Mesopotamia 3150 BC - Egypt's First Dynasty 900 BC - Assyrian Empire Rises 605 BC - Fall of Assyrian Empire; Rise of Babylonian Empire 539 BC - Cyrus and Persian Empire 400 BC - Plato 350 BC - Aristotle 334 BC - Alexander the Great, Greeks 100 BC - Rise of Roman Empire 30 AD - Jesus begins Church 313 - Constantine's Edict of Milan 430 - Augustine 622 - Muhammad begins Islam 732 - Charles Martel stops Muslim advance in France at Battle of Tours 846 - Muslims sack Rome and Vatican 1054 - Greek and Latin Church Splits 1096 - Crusades begin 1274 - Thomas Aquinas 1453 AD - Muslims take Constantinople from Byzantine Christians	1456 - Johan Gutenberg's printing press 1517 - Martin Luther's 95 Theses 1543 - Copernicus' "On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres" 1626 - Francis Bacon 1632 - Galileo 1650's - Scientific Revolution 1700's - Age of Enlightenment (1620-1780) 1727 - Isaac Newton 1776 - United States 1789 - French Revolution 1799 - Napoleon 1800 - Industrial Revolution 1800-1850 - Romanticism 1838 - Darwin 1855 - Mendel's laws of heredity 1905 - Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity 1914 - World War I 1945 - WWII ends with atomic bomb dropped on Japan by USA	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
Philosophy	Ultimate Truth could be known. Knowledge could be acquired by direct revelation from a diety.	Rejection of mysticism in favor of materialism. Enlightenment (1620's-1780's) - from Kant, produced French Revolution Romanticism, an opposing intellectual movement, followed the Age of Enlightenment and the French Revolution	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.
Proponents	Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Aquinas, Augustine, Epicurus, Confucius, Anselm, Pythagoras, Machiavelli, Cicero, Sextus Empiricus	Francis Bacon (1562-1626) Rene Descartes (1596-1650) John Locke 1632-1704 Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677) Voltaire (1694-1778) David Hume (1711-1776) Isaac Newton (1642-1727)	Friedrich Nietzsche Ludwig Wittgenstein Thomas Kuhn Taborsky Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) Kierkegaard
Values	Divine Revelation Authority Ultimate Truth	New Ideas Tolerance Science Literacy Knowledge Multiple Religions	Deconstruction Anti-authority Post-structuralism
Quotes	"Finally, if nothing can be truly asserted, even the following claim would be false, the claim that there is no true assertion." - Aristotle	"Dare to know! Have courage to use your own reason!" - Immanuel Kant (1784)	"The only absolute truth is that there are no absolute truths" - Feyerabend
Pros	Premodern believed in God and a spiritual reality was embraced in daily life.	Modernism supports the concept of absolute truth. It works in God's arena of logic and reason.	Postmodern is open to spiritual reality, recognizes humans are flawed, understands the authentic need for relationships and the power of a community.
Cons	A premodern world void of correct understanding of God's natural revelation would embrace pantheism, polytheism, animism and superstitions that were mere speculation of mysticism, but always destructive.	Modernism developed into a hyper-belief in human ability to accomplish anything. It has to reject the concept of God because God cannot fit into their limited box of human logic and understanding.	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.
Buzz Words	• Authority • Revelation • Absolute	• Reason • Research • Scientific Proof • Testing • Logic	• mystery • tolerance • journey • ambiguity • non-judgmental • conversation
Interaction with Scripture	"See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways...if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed... For the LORD is your life." (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)	Modernism denies the divine authority of Scripture. It leaves no middle ground for the Bible. The Bible is either inspired by a divine source (which is an impossible position for Modernism) or the Bible is stories, legends and myths mixed with a loose historical account written by men.	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).
Produced Results	Premodernism produced cultures dominated by religion, witchcraft, superstition and corrupt spiritual leaders. Eventually the corrupt, unbiblical church led society into the Dark Ages.	Conclusion - Modernism does not work. Modernism produced the autocratic leaders (Hitler killing 6 million; Stalin killing 50 million; etc.) in the 1900's. The absolutes of science and its natural laws developed in the Modern Age failed to adequately explain reality, origins, humanity, truth and morality. This was proven in the 1900's when authoritative governments and dictators defended their views with the "absolutes" of the Modern Age to justify mass killing, world wars and atomic weapons.	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.
Decline	The power base moved away from the church and began to settle on politics and in universities. The authority of religion and divine revelation was replaced by kings, governments, scholars, scientists and professors who could enforce or prove their position.	The seeds of destruction produced the fruit of destruction.	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."
Scriptural Response	"They say to the seers, 'See no more visions!' and to the prophets, 'Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions... This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.'" (Isaiah 30:10-15)	"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them... their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools..." (Romans 1:18-23)	As to Postmodernism's rejection of absolute truth and light, Jesus' words apply:  "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." (John 3:19-20)