

# AUSTRALIA UNDER GOD'S CURSE

Deuteronomy 8:10-20

## INTRODUCTION

- 236 years ago, the “First Fleet”, under the leadership of Captain Arthur Philip, landed at Sydney Cove
- The chaplain, Richard Johnson, brought with him to Australia over 4000 books including 100 full Bibles and 400 New Testaments
- This is a momentous day in Australian history, a day we should all rejoice in, yet there are some who call it “Invasion Day”
- Yet the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1788 was truly an “invasion”
  - ✓ An invasion of light into darkness
  - ✓ An invasion of the Gospel into idolatry
  - ✓ An invasion of liberty to those in bondage
  - ✓ An invasion of civilisation to savagery
- The French Revolution (1789-1915) fuelled by godless, antichrist philosophy, sought to overthrow all traces of Christianity from French society and led to the “Reign of Terror” which resulted in the slaughter of tens of thousands of people
- Today, Australia is on the verge of a revolution, likewise fuelled by godless, antichrist philosophy, seeking to destroy all traces of Christianity from our society
- It is a revolution being led by the elites, by those holding positions of power in politics, the media and academia

- If they succeed, we will see the disintegration of social order, the collapse of the economy, famine, and the purging of those who are deemed to be on the wrong side
- Is this revolution inevitable? Can it be stopped? If so, what is the means of stopping it?
- The book of Deuteronomy is full of solemn admonitions and warnings to Israel to not forget the Lord, to obey him and love him
- There are blessings for obedience, and curses for disobedience
- While these warnings in Deuteronomy are written primarily to God's covenant people of Israel, yet we know that God expects all nations to fear and serve him (Acts 17:30; Romans 1:21-25), and judges those who refuse to (Jonah 1:2; Habakkuk 2:8; Jeremiah 48:35; Amos 2:1-2; Obadiah 1-4; Ezekiel 30:13)
- Furthermore, a nation that has known the Gospel for so long and been blessed with abundant heavenly light is all the more accountable when it rejects the Lord (Luke 12:48)

## **I. AUSTRALIA HAS A HERITAGE OF GODLINESS**

- A. The first settlement was founded upon Christian principles
  1. Soon after their arrival, regular Sunday worship was instituted, and within five years chaplain Richard Johnson started the first school in Australia
- B. Our laws were based upon God's law

C. Australia's constitution is a Christian document

1. It begins with the words "...humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God..."

D. Australia's first parliament was a Christian service

1. On the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1901, the first parliament of Australia began with the singing of Psalm 100; it was followed by prayer
2. Alfred Deakin, the father of federation, and our second Prime Minister wrote, "Sufficient to say that the religion of Jesus Christ is the life of the present, the light of the future, and the hope of the world."

E. Australia has seen numerous revivals

## II. AUSTRALIA IS HARDENED IN GODLESSNESS

A. Education

1. Change in history curriculum to a "blackarm band view" which despises British colonisation and exalts Aboriginal culture
2. Attempts have been made to change BC and AD to BCE and CE, but have been unsuccessful
3. Teaching evolution instead of creation
4. Sexual promiscuity, acceptance of homosexuality, transgenderism

B. Abortion

1. There are about 90,000 abortions in Australia each year
2. There are 250,000 live births each year in Australia, which means that there are 2 aborted babies for every 5 born
3. 1 in 6 Australian women have had an abortion (murdered their child)

C. The destruction of marriage

1. No fault divorce was introduced in 1975
2. Fewer couples are marrying, choosing rather to live in sin
3. Sodomite “marriage” is an attempt to pervert and corrupt God’s institution of marriage

D. The republican movement and change to the flag

1. The republican movement is ultimately a push by godless infidels to remove all traces of Christianity from our laws
2. Likewise the flag with its three Christian crosses is an obstacle to the pursuit of a secular humanist society

E. The incorporation of Aboriginal animism and paganism into public life

1. The chief deity of the Aboriginal religion is a serpent (Revelation 12:9)
2. “Smoking ceremonies” are demonic rituals, giving devils access to those who participate in them

3. Digeridoos are traditionally used for summoning demons

#### F. Opposition to Israel

1. Australians were instrumental in liberating the land of Israel from Islamic rule during WWI, and have been staunch supporters of the Jews possessing the land God promised to them through Abraham
2. We have been blessed for doing so (Genesis 12:3)
3. But now Australia is opposing Israel, voting against Israel in the UN, and providing financial support to Israel's terrorist enemies

#### G. Muslim immigration

1. The "open borders" policy of ours and other Western nations is a repudiation of God's design for sovereign nations (Genesis 10) and the rebuilding of a modern-day globalist tower of Babel (Genesis 11)
2. Muslims are commanded in the Koran to bring about the destruction of Christianity

#### H. Godless leadership

1. In 1999 John Howard tried to change our constitution from "humbly relying upon the blessing of Almighty God" to "with hope in God".
2. Our present Prime Minister at his swearing in, chose a secular affirmation rather than a Christian oath on the Bible, and had continued this antichrist vein throughout his government

### **III. AUSTRALIA IS HEADING FOR GRIEF**

- A. In Leviticus 26, God describes the judgment he would bring upon Israel for its rebellion, which is a pattern of his judgment upon any nation that rebels against him
  - 1. Terror, sickness, defeat (Leviticus 26:14-17)
  - 2. Drought, crop losses, famine (Leviticus 26:18-20)
  - 3. Livestock losses, wild beasts killing children (Leviticus 26:21-23)
  - 4. Pestilence, foreign invasion, starvation (Leviticus 26:24-27)
  - 5. Cannibalism, cities destroyed, land made desolate, migration from the land as refugees (Leviticus 26:28-35)

### **IV. AUSTRALIA'S HOPE IS THE GOSPEL**

What are Christians to do?

- A. God's people must first examine themselves, repenting of sin, getting right with God, before addressing the sins of the nation
  - 1. Judgment must begin at the house of God (1 Peter 4:17)
  - 2. The church of God will not become a beacon of light to the world while it allows sin and hypocrisy in its midst
- B. Stand up for Jesus Christ

1. In times of great ungodliness, we see with more clarity the distinction between Christ's kingdom and the power of darkness that rule this world (1 John 5:19)
2. Christ's kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36)
3. We are to shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:14-16)
4. There should be a clear distinction between the Christian and the world (1 Peter 4:1-5)
5. God calls his people to boldly reprove the wickedness around them (Ezekiel 22:30-31; Mark 6:18; Ephesians 5:11)
  - a. The Bible does not support post-millennialism/reconstructionism/Presbyterian theonomy, state-churches
  - b. Nor do we support focussing upon politics instead of gospel preaching
  - c. However, Christians should take an involvement in the society they live in (Matthew 5:13-16)
6. God equips those He calls (Jeremiah 1:4-10; Matthew 10:19)

#### C. Show love to the lost

1. Our attitude towards the ungodly should be one of sorrow for their blindness and coming judgment (Jeremiah 13:17; Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 19:41)

2. We ought to desire and work for their salvation (Romans 10:1)

D. Pray for our authorities

1. That they would fear God (Psalm 9:17-20)
2. That they would allow us to live as Christians without persecution (1 Timothy 2:1-4; Nehemiah 1:11; Esther 4:16)

E. Trust in God

1. We can take comfort in the assurance that God's kingdom will ultimately prevail (Psalm 2)
2. This will enable us to patiently endure unto the coming of the Lord (James 5:7-8)