

6-7-20 Message
THE REASON WE SUFFER FROM DIVISIONS

Introduction: We are experiencing division in our nation like never before. There is rioting, looting, killing, and everyone thinks they have a cause. Their causes are ultimately destroying us from within.

A black man was restrained by the police and sadly that man died in the process. Now I do not think that police officer intended to kill the man but nevertheless, because he lacked discretion and wisdom he allowed the man to die in the process of restraining him. The man refused to get in the police car, and that led to them restraining him. However, after being restrained and subdued he said he was willing to get into the car. The officer lacked discretion not discerning that the man had some serious health issues. When you watch the video of the incident you just get mad that the cop didn't let the man up.

The man had a heart problem, he had covid 19, and he also was on some drugs that further complicated his health.

Now all this seems to be an excuse for rioting all over the country and some radical ideas about the police.

Now a man is sadly and mistakenly killed during police restraint, and when you watch the video you naturally get upset because it does not make any sense why the police officer didn't just let the guy up and try again to get him into the car. You almost get mad when you watch the video and want to tell the officer let the guy go. I don't think anyone can look at the video without saying what in the world are you doing? That guy is restrained let him go.

However, the reaction to this situation is worse than the mistake. Even though I saw the video, I cannot help but think it was a bad bad stupid mistake. That police officer's life is ruined because of his stupidity in handling a situation.

But the reaction to this mistake is worse. Over 11 innocent people were killed in these protests and many of them were black. Does that help anything? Millions of dollars of damage was done to buildings, stores have been looted. Is that justice?

To me all this is evidence that the mistake of George Floyd's death is only an excuse for some to riot and loot.

Now all this unrest, along with all that people have had to deal with this coronavirus pandemic is just over the top! Now all of a sudden it is ok for people to gather, shoulder to shoulder to protest the George Floyd killing. No more than 25 people can congregate in a church but it is ok for thousands to gather to protest in the streets? Suddenly the Covid 19 is no longer a threat to people who are gathered to protest and riot. Even our

own governor shows up at some of these demonstrations where people are holding up signs putting down the very police he is supposed to support.

The truth is churches have been criticized for holding meetings but it is ok to demonstrate in the streets for black lives matter.

All I can say is that our nation has been given over to confusion. In the Bible we see that division always comes to a nation as judgment from God. This morning I want to look at the Biblical history of Division and how God has allowed division as part of His judgment for man's sin and a nations sin.

BIBLICAL HISTORY OF DIVISION

I. THE FIRST DIVISION HAPPENED BETWEEN CAIN AND ABEL

Cain decided he was given a bum rap and decided to riot, so to speak, and his protest was against his brother.

After all, he saw it as an injustice that his brother was preferred above him. I mean, we need equal rights.

Here we have prejudice, Abel was a shepherd and tended sheep, and Cain was a farmer and tiller of the ground. It was not fair that his offering was rejected and Abel's offering was accepted. This is really the argument of many. I have been mistreated.

So Cain takes matters into his own hands and decides to riot by killing his brother.

Genesis 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Here in the root of the problem. The truth is that some people are not accepted because they JUST DO NOT WELL.

Look, if black lives matter than why don't people do something to try and get more black people to do well? Bill Cosby, for a while, was a voice crying out for his people to stop whining and complaining and start doing right. The liberals shut him up real quick by bringing up his dirty past. No doubt he had a dirty past, like many people do, but that did not negate the truth of his message. He was saying things to his own people that no one else was saying. It seems the powers that be do not want that message proclaimed. He was saying stop whining and complaining and start doing right and earning respect.

The truth is that far more whites were killed by police last year than blacks. I know the liberal media says that it is not the numbers that count, but it is the percentages.

Last year, there were nine unarmed black people killed by police and nineteen unarmed white people, I don't think the percentages could possibly be misconstrued with those statistics. Look, my son is a state trooper and he tells me that police are very careful because of political correctness to watch what they do when dealing with black people. Do you think they want to lose their jobs?

In the United States there were a total 429 civilians shot by police this past year. 88 of these were Black, 341 non black, as of June 4, 2020.

In 2017, 457 Whites were shot to death by police and 223 Blacks were shot to death.

So it is not true that more blacks are killed. Maybe in some places there are a larger percentage of blacks who are shot.

But this one thing is sure, more blacks are murdered in major cities like Chicago, Detroit, and other large cities by other blacks. Far far more murders take place in these cities by other blacks against blacks than injustices like this incident with George Floyd. Why are people not protesting about that? Why aren't celebrities giving money to solve that problem?

In 2016 the FBI did a study of crime in America, and it was found that there were 2,870 recorded homicides of black people in the country

So 2,870 blacks were murdered, and of those 2,570 of these were killed by other blacks. In those statistics they also show that more blacks killed white people than white people killed blacks.

Now what is the real problem with blacks in this country, is it prejudice?

The Lord said to Cain if you do well you will be accepted, the fact is that in 2011 a study was done to show that 72% of black children are born without a father and are being raised without a father.

Black women continue to have the highest abortion rate at 27.1 per 1,000 women compared with 10 per 1,000 for white women, according to a study published in the American Journal of Public Health.

93% of African American victims are killed by African Americans.

The incarceration rate of black males was over six times as high as white males, with a rate of 4,749 per 100,000 US residents.

Now why all these bad numbers? You could say it is because of poverty, but many times poverty comes because of character and lack of work ethic, a work ethic comes when you have a father that teaches you to work. If you solve the family problems, you will solve the poverty problems.

A child who grows up without a father who will discipline and guide him often grows up lazy and without motivation to work. A work ethic is instilled in a person from their youth by proper parental guidance. This was the message of Bill Cosby and he was the only one saying it, and they crucified him. It is sad that anyone with a seemingly conservative message is silenced while liberals can be immoral and debauched and no one says anything.

The Lord told, Cain, if you do well you will be accepted. I think we should spend more time encouraging people to do well rather than gripe and complain about the bum raps they have in life.

Now there is no excuse for the excessive prolonged force of the police officer in the George Floyd case, but also it never would have happened if George Floyd was squeaky clean.

In 2009, Floyd served a five-year prison sentence as part of a plea deal on the 2007 charge of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, reports the Houston Chronicle. George Floyd was on drugs when he was apprehended and probably this is why he died along with the foolish and excessive force that officer applied in the apprehension. Along with all this, "Floyd had underlying health conditions including coronary artery disease and hypertensive heart disease. The combined effects of Floyd being restrained by the police, his underlying health conditions, and any potential intoxicants in his system all this combined is what caused his death." Yet the lack of discretion by the restraining officer was a stupid mistake on his part. One that was caught on video and played over and over again in the minds of the world, which just makes people angrier and angrier.

But all that these people are doing to loot and hurt other innocent people is a stupid way of making things right for George Floyd. If Black lives matter do things to address the fatherless children that are being crippled for life. Do something to lessen crime in the inner cities where George Floyds work and live. If George Floyd was doing well he would never have gotten killed. If the officer involved had more biblical discernment half of our country would not be in an uproar, and the job of other police officers put in jeopardy. There is blame on both parts. We just need more people doing what is right in every direction. How do people learn to do right? They learn it by obeying God and His word. Not rioting, looting, and protesting.

Our Lord said it well.

IF YOU DO WELL YOU WILL BE ACCEPTED. IF NOT SIN LIETH AT THE DOOR.

So if Black lives matter, why kill more blacks in these riots?

II. THE SECOD RECORD OF DIVISIONS IN THE BIBLE ARE AT THE TOWER OF BABEL.

Genesis 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Genesis 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Genesis 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Genesis 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Here we see that all mankind were involved in a plan to unite in a one world religion, one world government, one world economy. SOUND FAMILIAR!?

The Lord opposed this plan so He easily toppled their plans with one little monkey wrench. "He confounded their languages..."

To agree we have to have the same mind and spirit. Today there is a spirit of lawlessness that abounds. There is a spirit confusion that abounds. How sad it is that we see how something can be said, and two people interpret it completely different.

Here we see Derick Chauvin not trusting what George Floyd was saying when he said I can't breathe. He probably heard people he has restrained a thousand times complain of this and that. If he believed he really could not breathe he would have let him up. When people watch the video, they just get angry and want to yell at the cop and say let the guy go. There are a lot of reasons for miscommunication. The number one reason is mistrust. Look, I believe that cop probably restrained a lot of big men like George Floyd with that hold and I think he was intentionally trying to get him to pass out, thinking it was going to be the only way he could get him in the car. If you look at George Floyd he is 6' 7" a huge muscular man, look at the police officers, he was well larger than them. When you have someone who is larger and stronger than you, you have to use tactics to try to overcome them. If you watch the whole video you will see that George Floyd refused to get into the police car, and said he can't get into the car because he could not breathe in there. He was complaining about not being able to breathe before they restrained him. This was a sign of Covid 19 which he had, it was also a sign and side effect of the drug he was on. Then they restrained him and he still complained. I think the cop was intentionally trying to have him pass out so he wouldn't have to manhandle the man and put him in the car. To everyone else it looks like he was intentionally trying to kill the man. It was a serious misjudgment on the part of the cop. Hindsight is 20/20. It would be easier to put him in an ambulance than try to put a

6'7" man weighing over 250 lbs in the cop car. Now that was a stupid risky thing to do. I think the cop did it before and it probably worked. That is the only thing that makes sense. It does not make it right, but it was a terrible misjudgment on his part and backfired. He just did not trust that this man would cooperate.

We see how division happens in the church because of mistrust. People don't trust others, they assume deceit or look beyond what people are saying, and question motives. Division happens in our country the same way.

We all speak the same language but you wouldn't know it by what some people think and believe. The Lord confounded their languages at the tower, and the devil is confounding our communication through mistrust and other issues.

III. ANOTHER STORY OF DIVISION IS FOUND IN THE STORY OF JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS.

Genesis 37:6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

Genesis 37:7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

Genesis 37:8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

Genesis 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

Genesis 37:10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

Genesis 37:11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

Here we see division created because of envy and competition.

As others are blessed and do good some people just hate them for it.

Here Joseph was a prophet, a dreamer of dreams, the favorite of his father.

So often the youngest is dad's favorite, some siblings think it cute, others get envious over it.

When I would favor our little Jessica her brother and sisters would try to use her to get me to do things. They thought it cute, but in this case Joseph's brothers didn't think it cute at all. They hated him and this competition caused hard feelings.

There has always been a fair amount of competition politically in our nation, but I have never seen it go to the extent that we have today. I think some politicians would be happy to burn the country down to get their way.

Envy, hate, and selfish competition can cause great hurt and division. Yet in the midst of all this God had a plan and was working His plan. I just hope and pray God will redeem something good out of our current conflicts in our nation.

We could look at many other incidents of division in the Bible, and for various reasons:

IV. THERE WERE SHORT CIVIL WARS IN THE DAYS OF MOSES.

- A. WHEN THE PEOPLE SOUGHT TO MAKE OTHER GODS 3000 died in that civil war. It was all because of sin and idolatry.
- B. THERE WAS A CIVIL WAR OVER MEN WHO WENT AFTER THE WOMAN OF MOAB.

Numbers 25:1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

24,000 men died in that civil war. That was more men than we lost in the revolutionary war.

- C. THERE WAS A CIVIL WAR OVER THE EVIL REPORT OF THE 12 SPIES AT KADESH IN THE WILDERNESS OF PARAN.

They came up with an evil report except for Joshua and Caleb.

V. THERE WAS A CIVIL WAR IN THE DAY OF THE JUDGES WHEN GIDEON'S SON WAS SET UP AS A TEMPORARY KING.

Judges 9:1 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

Judges 9:2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

Judges 9:3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother.

Judges 9:4 And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

Judges 9:5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

Jotham then rebukes Abimelech and the men of Shechem and says,

Judges 9:19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you:

Judges 9:20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

Judges 9:21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

Judges 9:22 When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

Judges 9:23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

Judges 9:24 That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

Here we read that the Lord sends an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem. What is this evil spirit?

This is a spirit of division, and that spirit of division is sent because of wicked deeds that men do against God.

I believe the Lord is sending an evil spirit of division against our nation today because of innocent blood that is being shed.

I believe that innocent blood is the unsolved murders that take place in our cities, and the 3000 innocent babies that are killed every day in the United States. Worldwide, there are an estimated, Around 56 million abortions are performed each year in the world.

Consider all the riots over a grown man who died unjustly by the a police officer but there is no outcry over all the innocent babies that are dying daily in our nation. In fact, the same people holding up the signs BLACK LIVES MATTER would be the same people who would hold up signs saying I AM PRO CHOICE. A whitewashed way of saying I am for killing babies. These same people could watch a baby being aborted and would not even flinch would show no emotion at all.

I believe God is sending an evil spirit of division in our nation today because of our wicked deeds.

That same evil spirit of division was sent in 1861-1865 when about 600,000 people lost their lives in the great civil war. Isn't it ironic that the same political party that stirred up the unrest during those days is the same political party stirring up unrest today? They are even saying now that civil violence is justified?

Ultimately Abimelech destroys the men of Shechem and in the process of seeking to kill them, he himself is killed by a woman:

Judges 9:53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull.

Judges 9:54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

Judges 9:55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

A millstone is a pretty heavy stone, the whole stone could be a hundred pounds, not sure if it was the whole stone or just part of it, but it was heavy enough to mortally wound Abimelech. Note in his pride he said to one of his men, quick slay me lest it be said I died at the hands of a woman.

That evil spirit of division is sent by the Lord as a Judgment against people who sin against Him.

1. THAT SPIRIT OF DIVISION CAN BE SENT AGAINST A HUSBAND AND WIFE.

I have seen people do atrocities spiritually, hurt God's work and church, and in turn it has hurt their marriages and their children. This is a spirit of division. I believe that spirit of division is a Satanic demon, a tormentor, a devourer, a punisher for wicked deeds.

Ever notice when people fight and bicker their arguments make no sense at all. They seem confused.

2. THIS SPIRIT OF DIVISION CAN BE SENT AGAINST A NATION.

I believe we are seeing that spirit of division in our nation today.

Psalms 133:1 {A Song of degrees of David.} Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalms 144:7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

Psalms 144:8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Psalms 144:9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

Psalms 144:10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

Psalms 144:11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

Psalms 144:12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

Psalms 144:13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

Psalms 144:14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; **that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.**

Psalms 144:15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

3. CONSIDER SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THAT EVIL SPIRIT

That spirit will be a spirit of confusion: Those who are given over to sin are given over to confusion.

I Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Since people have surrendered to sin and are committing sin, God gives them over to the spirit of sin, the author of sin is none other than Satan.

When people are given over to sexual sins, it is often a judgment of God against their denial of Himself.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

V. THE NEXT CIVIL WAR WAS OVER THE IDOLATRY OF SOLOMON.

Solomon let his wives cause him to compromise in that he let them worship other gods and even built them places to worship their gods.

1 Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

1 Kings 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

1 Kings 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

1 Kings 11:7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

1 Kings 11:8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

What exactly did Solomon do to cause the Lord to be angry with him?

John Gill writes:

Jewish writers think he did not worship these idols, but suffered his wives to do it, and connived at it, which was his sin;

Verse 7. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Mesh,.... Of this idol, See Gill on "Jer 48:7," an high place for which he ordered to be built, or at least suffered it to be built, at the instigation of his Moabitish woman or women, 1 Kings 11:1, this was built in the hill that is before Jerusalem; on the mount of Olives, as Jarchi, called from hence afterwards the mount of corruption, 2 Kings

23:15 and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon, 1 Kings 11:5.

Verse 8. And likewise did he for all his strange wives,.... That is, built high places for their idols, or suffered them to be built; for when he had done it for one, he could not refuse it to another, without greatly disobliging them; even for as many of them,

which burnt incense, and sacrificed unto their gods; the gods of the countries from whence they came, and in the worship of which they had been brought up: this shows that the best and wisest of men, when left to themselves, may do the worst and most foolish of all things; as nothing can be more so than the worship of such wretched deities.

By allowing this, and even building these false places of worship for his wives, he was guilty.

I Kings 11:9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

I Kings 11:10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

I Kings 11:11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

This the greatest division in the nation's history was because of Solomon's sin.

Yet the Lord had mercy on Solomon even though he pronounced this judgement on him.

I Kings 11:12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

I Kings 11:13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

I Kings 11:14 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

I Kings 11:24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

I Kings 11:25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

I Kings 11:26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.

I Kings 11:29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

I Kings 11:30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

I Kings 11:31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

I Kings 11:32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

I Kings 11:33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

I Kings 11:34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

I Kings 11:35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

In the days of Rehoboam, the Lord brought this judgment. So it is that the sins of the fathers were visited upon the children. The Rebels of this nation caught up to them.

What is amazing was that when Rehoboam tried to restore the Kingdom God said don't, this is of me. When God disciplines and chastens it is best to submit..

I Kings 12:21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

I Kings 12:22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

I Kings 12:23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

I Kings 12:24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

I Kings 12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

How sad it was that it came to this, yet when God disciplines and judges then there is no recourse. We as God's people need to be praying and asking God to be merciful to us.

This I know, God is going to Judge America. I just hope this is the last days and this last judgment will usher in the Millennial kingdom.

VI. THE FINAL DIVISIONS THAT GOD BROUGHT TO THE NATION.

1. THE 70 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY.

Jeremiah 7:16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

Jeremiah 11:14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

Jeremiah 14:11 Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for their good.

God determined to judge his people for their sins.

Note God sent the children of Israel into 40 years of wondering in the wilderness because of their griping when they went from Kedesh of Paren to spy out the land. A year for every day they spied out the land. So also He sent them into captivity for 70 years one year for every year they failed to keep their sabbath year during the Kings , 490 years.

2. AFTER THEY REJECTED JESUS AS THEIR KING, THE FINAL DIVISION WAS WHEN THE LORD DISPERSED THE PEOPLE IN 70 AD.

Matthew 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Matthew 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

SO IT IS THAT GOD JUDGES HIS PEOPLE FOR THEIR SINS.

Conclusion:

We see that division, wars fought, are all a result of sin, and we think we can fight against God and come out unscathed.

The solution is simple, repent and cry out to God for deliverance, people need to cry out to God in salvation, and Christians need to get right with God!

All this fuss over a man that we and most people believe was apprehended to roughly by the police. No one is saying he did not deserve to be arrested, no one is saying he did not have some fault in this incident. They are only saying the officers did not show discretion and concern for his life and exercised excessive force in restraining him. Also I wonder if the fellow was white if there would be all this fuss. The other problem is that we are assuming that because the man was black there was prejudice against him.

Yet why do not people get upset about the over 2000 babies that are murdered every day in our nation by our so called medical experts in abortion clinics. No one is marching for them. George Floyd was not squeaky clean in all of this. Every single innocent baby killed is. Even if our nation set up an orphanages for these unwanted babies, do you not think that God would bless our nation for saving lives.

We are a people who choke on a gnat and swallow a camel. What did every one of those babies do against anyone to deserve to be treated like they are being treated?

By the way I have just learned during this pandemic, that a lot of vaccines that are being produced are using some elements of aborted fetal matter in them. I think for this purpose alone I would not want any more vaccines especially not when they are using aborted fetuses for ingredients.

So what we have is a nation divided because of this? I say no, it is not because of this it is because we are a nation that is adrift and have sinned against our creator. We have violated his law.

So we have crazy politicians that are talking about police reform. We do not need police reform we need national reform and revival. God help us, GOD HELP AMERICA.