

HOW TO RESTORE A NATION
2 Chronicles 7:19-20; 2 Kings 17:7-20; 24:1-4
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→ "all great civilizations rise and fall and an autopsy of history would show that all great nations commit suicide." - Arnold Toynbee

FIVE STEPS TO RESTORING A NATION

→ The reasons that God judged Israel and Judah are clear. Our path is clear too . . . :

1. Israel/Judah had **FORSAKEN** God's commandments—we must **R** _____
them Dt 30:9--18; 2 Kings 17:7-20; 2 Chron 7:19-22; 12:1; Isa 65:11-12;
Jeremiah 22:9; Hosea 6:4-7

→ God's consistent expectation of his children is that they would _____ Him...
that they would value and honor His _____

2. Israel/Judah had **FOLLOWED** idols & pagan religious practices—we must
R _____ these practices - Dt 29:24-28; Josh 24:16-20; 2 Chron 7:19;
Jeremiah 2:11-13; 3:1-10; Hosea 1:1-2

→ The greatest form of rebellion against God is to pursue others gods/idols ...
it is folly to follow gods that cannot hear or speak or respond . . .

3. Israel/Judah had **FORGOTTEN** the Lord—we must **R** _____ **HIM**
Dt 8:2, 11-19; 2 Chronicles 36:11-13; 2 Kings 17:38

→ too often, for too many, it becomes a case of "out of sight, out of mind"

4. Israel/Judah had **FOUND temporary satisfaction in immoral practices**—we must
R _____ to do so- Leviticus 18:24-30; 2 Kings 23:7; 2 Chronicles 7:14

→ God gave clear directions and warnings about sexual relationships that are pure
and those that are defiled

5. Israel/Judah had **FAILED** to respond to God's warnings—we must **R** _____ to
them - 2 Chronicles 36:15-16; Isaiah 1:1-9, 18-20; 9:13-17; Jere 2:30; 5:3; 7:28;
Zephaniah 3:1-2

SO WHAT? NOW WHAT? TAKING IT HOME!!

1. How many of these five are true of America?

2. What can YOU do to help restore the USA?

2 Chronicles 7:14

- S_____ to God
- S_____ to His will
- S_____ His face
- S_____ from wicked ways

→ Idols cannot simply be R_____ . . . they must be R_____ !!
What did not happen was a true replacement where they R_____ to the
Lord with all of their heart/soul/mind/strength

3. What does God promise to do when we do as He asks?

- I will H_____ the prayer
- I will F_____ the sin
- I will H_____ the land

4. What WILL you do?

5. Lord, help me to _____

→ Here is a line from the poem "Counterfeit Gods" by Jefferson Bethke

So my plea is let Him restore His proper place,

I promise you He loves you right now. Just trust in His grace.

See what else died so that you could be made new?

Or when was the last time the world promised satisfaction, and actually came through?