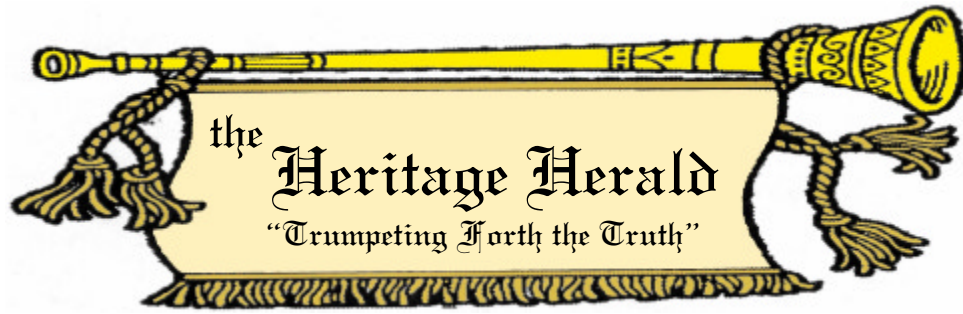




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The Changing Of The Guard

INTRODUCTION: No one knows exactly when the Changing of the Guard occurred, but every historian, and every fundamental preacher knows it happened.

What Guard? It's those that through the years walked guard around truth; those that fought for the Bible and the Doctrine of Creationism and those that fought for the minds of children. Now, we find the old guard strangely missing and a new watch has been set. The new guard is seemingly more diligent than the old guard. The difference is that the new guard is watching to make sure that creationism, prayer, and the Bible are not allowed to take center stage as they once occupied.

FIRST: IT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. (LAMENTATIONS 4:12-13)

"The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her."

Jeremiah 2:7, "I brought you into a plentiful country... but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination."

These verses speak of the nation of Israel and the great city of kings, Jerusalem. The leaders of the world could not believe how this great nation had fallen so low. They had seen her in her heights, and now in her depths. They were astonished.

What had occurred is that a generation of apathetic preachers, and an apathetic people had fallen asleep on guard duty and were replaced by a new shift of guards. The results are revealed in *Lamentations 5:16*. *"The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!"*

The nation of Israel lost her crown. That crown stood for power, authority, and uniqueness. Now, all that she once had was gone. Israel had become a nation without glory, and without respectability.

The Sins That Brought Down A Nation. II Chronicles 36:13-21

- They hardened their hearts.
- They replaced God with religious idols.
- They polluted the House of God.
- They mocked the Men of God.
- They refused to give God just one day.

The Results Of This Behavior. Isaiah 3:1-26

- The mighty man disappeared. This included the mighty soldier, the just judge, the true prophet, and the wise counselor.
- Children shall become their leaders.
- The base and wicked shall behave proudly against the honourable.
- The rich without wisdom shall be given authority.
- Sodomites will be openly accepted.
- Women shall be placed in power over the men.
- Nose rings, tattoos, and nakedness will be rampant. *Isaiah 3:16-21.*

You might say, "But is this not a good thing? " The answer is "It's anti-Bible, and anti-God!" These actually reveal that God has departed from a nation.

SECOND: IT HAS HAPPENED AGAIN.

America, like Canaan, was a land filled with wildlife and savages. God gave his people a land flowing with milk and honey. He gave America power and world respect. He raised up great leaders

and heroes for his people.

Examples:

George Washington

Patrick Henry

General George Parton

Alexander Hamilton

John Paul Jones

General Douglas MacArthur

Abraham Lincoln

Robert E. Lee

Bull Halsey

Benjamin Franklin

General John Pershing

Theodore Roosevelt

I have only listed a few. Up until the 60's this land was filled with real heroes.

What Happened?

1. The Bible was revisited and changed repeatedly.
2. The government's approval of alcohol.
3. The Scopes Monkey Trial, an attack on Creationism.
4. Women in the work force with the men.
5. Welfare, its' support of broken homes ?
Book: *The Great Deceivers* written by Hoover, FBI Director.
6. Rock & Roll.
7. Sports that slowly became god.
8. Prayer removed from public schools.
9. The Bible removed from public schools.
10. Busing: the forcing of races to get along by government force.
11. Forced evolution taught in all controlled government schools.
12. History changed and leaders of the past had all references to their religious beliefs removed by anti-Christian authorities.

This is a ploy to remove God from every part of the nation known as America.

THIRD: THE RESULTING TRADGEDY OF REMOVING GOD—ABORTION.

II Timothy 3:1-7, "This know also, that in the last days... men shall be lovers of their own selves... blasphemers... unthankful, unholy... Without natural affection... despisers of those that are good... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

Proverbs 6:16, 17, "These... things doth the LORD hate... hands that shed innocent blood."

The story is told of a doctor asking another doctor about certain patients he had. He asked, "I want your opinion doctor on the termination of a pregnancy. The father is syphilitic; the mother is tuberculosis. Of the four children already in the family, the first was born blind, the second died, the third is deaf and dumb, and the fourth has tuberculosis. What would you do about giving birth to the fifth child?"

"I would advise the couple that they should get an abortion, I would terminate the pregnancy," replied the second doctor. "Then," said the first doctor, "You just aborted Beethoven."

Conclusion: What can we do? We must be as committed in defense of morality as our opponents are in destroying our morals.