

Preferred Narratives, or Else

‘The ensign approached the captain of the ship as the captain was dining with his leading officers. The ensign reported that the captain had received a message from the admiral. The captain told the ensign to read the message aloud. The ensign did as he was told and read, “You idiot! It looks like you have bungled another mission! You’re a poor excuse for a captain!” The captain paused for a moment and responded: “Ensign, have that message decoded immediately!”’

Smooth! Whatever we might say about that captain’s response, it has to include “smooth”! Though I wonder if any of the other officers believed that the admiral was in the habit of sending coded messages. Now another response from the captain could have been like unto the people of Jerusalem, indeed that of King Jehoiakim, who was so enraged when he heard Uriah the prophet’s word from God warning of the impending destruction of Jerusalem and the razing of the holy Temple, that though Uriah fled to Egypt seeking political asylum, Jehoiakim sent a delegation to seek Uriah’s arrest and extradition back to Judah. Poor, faithful Uriah was hunted down, arrested, hauled back to Judah, and summarily beheaded by King Jehoiakim’s executioners. Talk about killing the messenger when one didn’t like his message!

In Jeremiah's case, though his message from the Lord God was exactly the same as Uriah's, proving that both were faithful and correct prophets, Jeremiah's words were not heard directly by the king, and a few, more level-headed priests and scribes, apparently pushed by Ahikam, son of Shaphan, protected Jeremiah at this juncture, and he did not lose his life. Which was not to say that his was necessarily the better outcome when comparing the two prophets. Though Jeremiah was not killed, he underwent some of the worst tortures imaginable in future years. His was truly an unwelcome message.

But Jeremiah and Uriah were not alone. None of the later prophets ever became heroes of the people. Their messages were neither heeded or popular. Rather they were hated. Because they spoke the word they received from God. What they spoke was truth. The truth. Plain and unvarnished. And, as it turns out, few people then or now are interested in the truth. Humans are far more inclined to pretend and believe what they want to be truth at any particular time. It matters not whether what they believe as truth has any actual basis in reality. People will believe what they want to believe. They don't want to hear truth, even if they know deep down inside it is true. Since God is truth, and since He only speaks truth, most don't want to have anything to do with Him. They much prefer their fantasies. Which is why most people enjoy playing footsie with the devil and his minions. People have itching ears, as the Bible says, and much prefer to

gather around who will say and teach what they want to hear.

Our present day can serve as prime examples of this social disease. As the level of personal engagement with the Holy Bible has plummeted over the last several decades, people have become more and more susceptible to the deceptions of devils. Without the foundational truths of God's Word as guardrails for their lives, people are veering ever farther from the truth. This can be seen clearly in the social/political divide that cuts through American culture, putting people into tribal/ethnic groups, who strive to protect their own ideas, their own "truth". Whatever unity Americans once had was the result of the shared social mores informed by God's Word, the Holy Bible. After all, it is truth, and nothing but the truth. It is the only standard which is universal and utterly trustworthy. It allows us to determine everything else, whether something is true or false, and to what degree.

So it's no wonder that those whose thinking is still informed by God's Word find the leftist, liberal mindset which has hitherto been the default, dominate worldview, completely incomprehensible and totally illogical. Because it is exactly that. There is no underlying rhyme or reason to it. The only thing that holds it together is a loathing hatred of anything that "reeks" of God and His truth. As much as people are Christlike, they are that much hated by the secular world. When God's truth is expressed in "public", well, the leftists are offended, triggered, and driven to fulfill their life's purpose to discover any and all ways to oppose God's ways.

This is why our country has become so unstable these last several years. It's all been coming to a head. The preferred narratives for all kinds of things and events are being exposed as false, contradictory, detrimental and deadly to human flourishing. When the preferred narratives were not challenged, there was relative peace in our social interactions. The evil "live and let live" concept was accepted for too long. It's lies are being laid bare. It was never a democratic ideal; never about allowing peoples to self determine their wants and desires. It was always about getting all people under control, the control of a single preferred narrative spewed forth from the putrid minds of the angels who rebelled against God, now led by satan. The devil's prime directive is to raise up a counterfeit to everything that God is and has created. And those who won't go along with it must be eliminated.

Western, "liberal" democracies have long been led down a primrose path of deception for many decades by anti-Christ, anti-God, anti-truth pawns of evil so that the majorities of peoples worldwide believe so many lies they've lost the ability to tell the difference. We've believed that diplomacy will solve all conflicts between nations. How did decades and decades of diplomacy work in "liberalizing" China? Russia? How did the billions and billions of blackmail dollars paid to Iran and its proxies work out? And yet countries are lining up to recognize and engage the new "government" of Syria. Talk about a wolf in sheep's clothing. The new "president", Ahmed al-Sharaa, is no more than a terrorist

thug dressed up in a gentlemanly suit and tie. So far, over 17,000 Syrian minorities have been massacred, most of them Christians. Talk about a real genocide! Israel never engaged in genocide in Gaza, despite the fake casualty numbers spouted out by the so-called Gazan health ministry. Because the wanton slaughter of Christians, Druze, Alawites is not the preferred narrative, the liberal media won't mention it, and probably never will.

We've been led to believe that the greatest threat to the earth is climate change. Or if not that, then the soon appearance of aliens from outer space, who come, either to help us or enslave us. Take your pick. (Folks, they are all demonic entities waiting to deceive the naive.) Why nearly the whole world believed that we were all in danger of dying from a manmade virus for which we all had to receive multiple vaccinations if we were to have any chance of surviving, just five years ago. The list can go on and on. Preferred narratives of all kinds. And those who protested were de-platformed, de-banked, hamstrung and silenced by any and all means necessary. Even outright killed when all else failed. And not just in Syria. Christians are being massacred on a scale never before seen on planet earth. Something must be up!

As Uriah, Jeremiah, and all the prophets in their various years and eras of ministry, warned the Israelites of impending judgement because they were rebelling against God, not unlike the one-third of the angels who rebelled and remain fiercely against anything and anyone aligned with God, God's Chosen

People, mind you, not all of them, but the bulk of them, preferred to ignore God and live as they pleased, so too do we find ourselves reliving their histories. But we who remain part of God's faithful remnant, who faithfully pray, study and meditate on God's Holy Bible, and internalize it, writing it on our hearts, that we may live each and every moment in God's ways, are shining brighter and brighter as we lift His righteousness higher and higher for all to see. There are many prophets of God speaking today, and there are many of us living in obedience and allegiance to the Lord and Savior of all the world, faithfully refusing to go along with the world's preferred narratives. As more and more of us stand united for the truth, the truth is gaining ground in more and more people's hearts. Since when did it become necessary for the American president to publicly declare in a major address that there are only two genders? Yet, the truth, despite how self-evident it is to us who know God, it is foreign and often incomprehensible to the world, and must be proclaimed louder and longer and stronger than ever before. The salvation of the world's peoples hangs in the balance.

Before the rapture of the Church occurs, let us minimize the tears our Lord sheds over the millions of people who will forever reject Him. Help us, Lord, to be more bold, brazen and compassionate in showing forth the truth of all things. Help us, Lord, to take seriously our need to know Truth ever better to refute the lies of the world. Help us, Lord, to ever more faithfully pray.

