

# “A Biblical Guide to National Greatness”

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## Selected Scriptures (2 Chronicles 7:14)

*1 Chron 29:11-12 “11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. 12 Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great...”*

*Job 12:23 “He (God) makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations and guides them”*

*Acts 17:24,26 “24 ...God who made the world and all things in it, ... He is Lord of heaven and earth,...26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,...”*

If we all want to do our part to make America great again, we need to start by seeking the counsel of the t\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven, because He is the one who has the ability to make a nation great.

## I. A Great Nation is a H\_\_\_\_\_ Nation That S\_\_\_\_\_ God

*Ps 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,...”*

The Psalmist wasn't referring to the nation of Israel in that verse; the word for “nation” that he used there refers to a G\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) nation.

*2 Chron 7:14 “(...if) My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (Emphasis Added)*

As late as 1775, 150 years after the pilgrims had landed, and one year before the Declaration of Independence was signed \_\_\_\_\_% of our citizens were Protestants, another \_\_\_\_\_% were Catholics and the other \_\_\_\_\_% were Jewish.

*2 Chron 12:1-7 (Reference)*

*2 Chron 34:2-3 (Reference)*

Only \_\_\_\_\_% of our world's population live here in this country; and yet, we own or control \_\_\_\_\_% of the world's goods.

## II. A Great Nation is a C\_\_\_\_\_ Nation That P\_\_\_\_\_ It's Citizens

*Gen 9:6 “Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man”*

*Rom 13:3-4 “3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.”*

The p\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_ of Government does not involve providing financial assistance for the poor or retirement funds for the elderly; every Government at it's most basic level has been established to protect it's citizens.

*Prov 6:16-17 "16 ...the Lord hates,...17 ...hands that shed innocent blood,..."*

*Jer 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; (and) I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (NKJV) (Emphasis Added)*

*Ps 139:16 (Reference)*

These are our citizens too, because they would be citizens by birth; and therefore, our government has a responsibility to i\_\_\_\_\_ and to rise up and to d\_\_\_\_\_ them.

### III. A Great Nation is a M\_\_\_\_\_ Nation That is C\_\_\_\_\_ to Purity

*2 Chron 7:14 "and (if) My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

*Ps 66:18 "If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear"*

*Prov 13:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people"*

We cannot expect to have a great nation if we are not willing to r\_\_\_\_\_ and to become committed to morality and purity again.

Overall, Americans spend \$\_\_\_\_\_ billion dollars on gambling every year; and contrary to what some people say, we really don't gain revenue from gambling.

### IV. A Great Nation is a G\_\_\_\_\_ Nation That S\_\_\_\_\_ People

Dr. David Jeremiah, in his book entitled "*Is This the End?*", pointed out that in just one hospital, "*The Dallas Parkland Hospital*," 16,000 babies were born in one year and \_\_\_\_\_% of those were born to illegal immigrants at a cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_ million dollars.

*Exod 23:9 "You shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you also were strangers in the land of Egypt"*

*Jer 22:3 "...do not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow"*

*Eze 16:49 "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy"*

If President Trump succeeds in giving us a great economy but we only become more greedy and indulgent in the process; this will only make us more r\_\_\_\_\_ for j\_\_\_\_\_.

*Lev 18:26 "...you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you"*

*Lev 24:16 "Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death"*

America w\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ great again if the America people will come to Christ.

*2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things (have) passed away; (And) behold, new things have come"* (Emphasis Added)

