

# Poverty of the Land — Spiritual Causes

The productivity of land and soil is directly related to the spiritual life of the people who live on the land.

This truth, for the most part, is not known or believed. People mostly believe that land or soil is just dirt, and if you plant something in it, it will give you back a crop. This is true to a degree, but false in that it will not return a bumper, prosperous crop.

God said to Cain, who was of the wicked one, the Devil, "when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto her strength," meaning it won't give you its best (Genesis 4:12).

Let us look at Leviticus 18:25.

## **Leviticus 18:25**

And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

The context of Leviticus 18 is sexual sin, idolatry, homosexuality and bestiality, things specifically and strictly forbidden by God. There are many ways the land could "vomit out her inhabitants" so that the country becomes poor. Ezekiel chapter 14 lists four major ways. In Ezekiel, as in Leviticus, the lack of prosperity of the land is directly related to the spirituality of the people living upon it, to spiritual causes.

## **Ezekiel 14:13**

Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof and will send famine upon it, and will cutoff man and beast from it:

Besides famine being related to sin, God also mentions "noisome (harmful) beasts," wars and plagues in this same chapter. These are all the results of sin, and they are the major reason for poverty in countries.

Another very clear section of the Scriptures which relates the productivity of the land to the people that live on it is in Psalms 107: 33 and 34.

## **Psalms 107:33, 34**

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground;  
A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

The record of the fall of Jerusalem recorded in 2 Kings 24:12 through chapter 25:12 shows how the spiritual condition of Judea led to poverty (24:14) and famine (25:3) in the land. Read also for yourself Leviticus 26:3-5 and Proverbs 24:16, 19 and 20.

The same tactics employed by the king of Babylon are used by world manipulators today. The king of Babylon removed the prosperous and inventive from the land physically, leaving only the

poor (2 Kings 24:14 and 25:11, 12). Today they remove the prosperous through robbery, taxation, murder, brainwashing, and a number of other ways. This truth is verified further in Jeremiah 52:15 and 16.

When will we again come to and believe God's Word? Unless our nation comes back to the Word, hears it rightly divided and believes it, our nation will someday be poor like other nations who do not reverence and worship the one true God.

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### **God Bless America**

**If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

**2 Chronicles 7:14**