

# Seven Signs of a Falling Nation



No government, kingdom or society lasts forever. Here are seven factors that contributed to ancient Rome's demise- warning signs that exist today within the nation of America.

- \* History reveals that all governments, empires and kingdoms of men, no matter how grand, no matter how powerful, ultimately \_\_\_\_\_. It happened to ancient Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece.
- \* Similarly, these factors are at work in America and serve as warning signs of a civilization and nation destined to fall.

## Sign One: The \_\_\_\_\_ Unit:

- \* Few understand that the family unit is the basic building block of every thriving \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* At the start of the Roman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ took seriously their role in properly instructing, training, and educating their sons, and mothers taught their daughters as well.
- \* As new generations came of age, the family \_\_\_\_\_ and fractured. Husbands and wives gave in to the pulls of human nature to engage in widespread adultery, inevitably leading to increasing rates of broken marriages. \_\_\_\_\_ for virtually any reason became legal.
- \* Also, parents came to \_\_\_\_\_ their children, who then grew up to become lazy adults who were irreverent, disobedient to authority and had little respect for the elderly or the "old paths" of social norms and values.
- \* Likewise, the family unit in America, Britain, Australia, Canada and other sister nations of the West is under constant assault. Broken marriages and fractured households are now the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Few \_\_\_\_\_ exercise a strong hand in teaching, guiding, and correcting their young, often leaving mothers to fill both parental roles.
- \* Children are growing up \_\_\_\_\_ and catered to, never learning to accept and recover from setbacks. We have forsaken the teaching to children to

*'Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD. (Lev. 19:32).*

- \* Children today live in a fantasy world in which they “\_\_\_\_\_” have cellphones; they “\_\_\_\_\_” their privacy; they “have \_\_\_\_\_.”
- \* As with ancient Rome, America like the ancient Israelites, \_\_\_\_\_ God’s counsel of (Jer. 6:16), *“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you (America) said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”*
- \* Modern parents believe they know better than God and ignore important \_\_\_\_\_ instruction such as, *“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings his mother to shame”* (Prov. 29:15) and *“Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire”* (Prov. 29:17).
- \* The result? A generation of children who oppress and rule over their parents and show no \_\_\_\_\_ for their elders. *“I will make mere youths their officials; children will rule over them.” People will oppress each other- man against man, neighbor against neighbor. The young will rise up against the old, the nobody against the honored”* (Isa. 3:4-5, 12).