

Seven Signs of a Falling Nation

Lesson 2



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.

Sign One: The Family Unit

Sign Two: _____

- * The Roman Empire began with an educational system that emphasized developing character, morality, patriotism, and social values in young lives. The goal was to develop the _____ person.
- * This was eventually replaced by an emphasis almost exclusively on _____, with no moral or ethical absolutes defining right and wrong.
- * Similarly, character development, patriotism and civic duty are seldom taught in the _____ schools of the West, where _____ and the _____ are banished, and morally unchecked "creative expression" is encouraged.
- * Because the modern house of Israel, and America, rejects God's Word, the foundation of all true knowledge, God declares, "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*" (Hos. 4:6). He describes them as blind men groping around in spiritual darkness- "*So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.*" (Isa. 59:9-10).

Sign Three: _____

- * The Romans were _____ idol worshippers who took the gods of the Greeks and gave them Roman names. Accompanying the assortment of false gods was lascivious _____ rituals and customs.
- * Temple prostitution, drunkenness and other vices that appealed to the flesh were common across the empire. Similar to the Greeks, the Romans worshipped _____ figures who freely gave in to carnal desires—deceiving, stealing, getting drunk and committing fornication, adultery, even rape!

- * Today, millions of Americans claim to worship only one deity, the God of the Bible- yet their _____ scream something quite different!
- * The word _____ means to “regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion.” Does America truly worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Or do their actions show they revere manmade “_____”?
- * _____ who by word and example influence shallow minds to copy their irresponsible behavior.
- * _____ who are forgiven for reckless conduct as long they raise the banner of political correctness and “progressive” causes, and proudly proclaim that their personal, moral, religious, or “spiritual” beliefs will never stand in the way of pleasing the masses.
- * Millions within America’s _____ community are quick to proclaim their religious fervor, but among them are those leading hypocritical lives, speaking out against sexual immorality, yet secretly engaging in it. Among priests, preachers and other prominent religionists are child molesters, closeted homosexuals, and serial adulterers.
- * Pagan worshippers of ancient Rome sought an endless plethora of gods—but their religious beliefs were _____, _____ and without _____ meaning. Followers were left without direction, seeking spiritual purpose but never finding it.
- * It is the same in modern times. The _____ of religious leaders has jaded millions, and their message of a God without laws—who does not hold followers to a higher standard of conduct and thinking—a “prosperity gospel” without expectations from believers—is ultimately empty.
- * The result is a _____ wasteland of human ideas that may sound appealing, but are not of the Bible—and has nothing to do with the true gospel (literally “good news”) that Jesus Christ preached: the kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15).
- * The _____ of Rome, which encouraged and empowered the people to live a life of excess, contributed to the empire’s death. The religions of the West, especially in the U.S., are no better.