

# THE CURSE of the GERGASENES

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*“When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations mightier than you, and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. Nor shall you make marriages with them.” Deuteronomy 7:1-3*

## PROLOGUE

In the mid-1990's I taught a class on Sunday nights concerning the *Seven Spirits of the Antichrist*, or the *Seven Spirits Against Marriage*. All of the spirits were embodied by actual, physical peoples, nations if you will, that existed when Joshua led the Israelites into Canaan. Each nation's name had three levels of meaning, i.e., the physical, mental, and spiritual levels. Six of the seven nations defeated were wiped out and gradually ceased to be mentioned in the Old Testament. For some reason, there was never an understanding of either the physical, mental or spiritual meaning of the name of the seventh, the Girgashite people. The Bible gave definitions of the other six, but not the Girgashites. All this was ten years ago...

## SETTING

The little burg of Gergesa is on the east coast of the Sea of Galilee. *Gergesa* is derived from the Hebrew word *girgasa*. Girgashites means “dwellers on a clay soil.” (One can easily extend this physical meaning to having feet of clay, etc., and from thence to their hearts of butter). Sometime during the 5-year war and invasion of Canaan, the Girgashites, rather than fight the Hebrews, turned tail; legend says they headed for Africa. It is unknown what happened to them there. Nonetheless, a few must have stayed, more than likely blending into the countryside until the war was over. This is evidenced by the fact a few were still around at the time of Jesus, some 2000 years later. Their reaction to Jesus and His miraculous deliverance of a demoniac reveals their spiritual bent. It is this precise connection that began the opening of my eyes.

In Genesis 1, we read that the Trinity created man in their image. Eve was created for companionship, the complement of Adam and the continuation of the God-species. Marriage was thus the institution for the beginning, the encompassing and the regulatory body for a man, woman and child. Satan was already present, ready to destroy, again, that which God had begun. Hence the enemy of marriage is Satan and his minions or lesser spirits.

The institution of marriage is to provide God with Godly seed, that will be a name, a praise and a glory for Him, and eventually for His fellowship. Marriage is also the model for the relationship between Jesus and the Church, a training ground, as it were, for the Heavenly version in Eternity. Biblical definitions for the responsibilities and character of a man are very clear. They are equally clear for a woman, and all relationships between the man, woman and child. These responsibilities are in a continual state of being diluted, perverted and erased from their moment of conception and/or implementation. As we will see, these characteristics, responsibilities and definitions were, are, and will continue to be under attack by the Enemy. The Enemy's expressions are found in the seven spiritual roots listed in the following text on the next page.

The Spirit of the Gergasenes (Gergashites in O.T.), and thus their Curse, is what permeates our society today. Its Spirit is what allows the other six to flourish. Their antitheses, which are found in Is. 11, the seven Spirits of Jesus, are what counter all the other six, and free us from generational bondage.

The following is a synopsis of these Seven Spirits, their physical, mental, and spiritual meanings, along with the present-day expression of each.<sup>1</sup> All are included along with the Gergashites.

<u>NATION</u>	<u>VISIBLE PHYSICAL "NAME"</u>	<u>HIDDEN MENTAL ATTRIBUTE</u>	<u>V. HIDDEN SPIRITUAL ROOT</u>	<u>U.S.A. PRESENT DAY EXPRESSION</u>
HITTITES	"terror" shock	fear, terror, loss of control	FEAR	welfare system, insurance, control freaks
AMORITES	"to say"	boast of self, challenge	PRIDE, arrogance	"me" generation faithlessness self first, despots
GIRGASHITES ** "dwellers on clay"		self-sufficiency	ABDICATION	role reversals, taking wife's lead, status quo, cowardice,
CANAANITES	"merchant"	to humiliate, vanquish, subdue	LUST lewd, corrupt, contaminating	pornography, worship of creation self-pleasure
PERIZZITES	"unwalled towns"	unconcerned gullible presumptuous ignorant careless	SIMPLE unbelief	Reluctance to learn, emotion driven, situational ethics perverted discipline
HIVITES	"villager"	to declare, quicken	REBELLION, circumvent God's authority	new age, occult, oaths, scorn of Christ
JEBUSITES	"threshing place"	loathed, polluted, trodden down	BLASPHEMY worthlessness hopelessness	low self esteem racial self-pity promoting hate

\*\* Other than in this Deuteronomy reference, the Girgashites (Gergasenes) are not mentioned again in the Old Testament. The next mention is in the New Testament in Matthew 8:28, in the story about the demoniacs possessed by a legion of demons. It is more than coincidence that this is the only one of the seven nations physically left, but that it survived some two thousand years! Note the reaction and character of these people.

## HISTORY'S WINDOWPANE

Of late, A.J. Toynbee's *Study of History* (1947) has given me tremendous insight into the developmental aspects of a civilization from its Genesis to Growth, then from Breakdown to Disintegration.<sup>2</sup> (Some may prefer the eight-fold cycle of civilizations, bondage-faith-courage-liberty-abundance-complacency-apathy-dependency, back to bondage). By definition, these aspects are the same in all cultures, societies, institutions, and even individuals. In particular, the aspects of a nation in disintegration are the most provoking. Toynbee homes in on three types of behavior.

**Escapism** is the overall term used to describe failing to deal with the current stream of problems. Within the context of a society in self-destruction, Toynbee expounds on three modes of escapism used by the people, namely archaism, futurism, and detachment. **Archaism** refers to this failing by trying to return to the "good ol' days," which meets with disaster. An example of archaism would be our penchant with WWII, the Wild West, the Waltons, and a return to the "country life," or nostalgia in general.

**Futurism** refers to the failure to deal with current problems by ignoring/abdicating, which equally meets with disaster, but a different type. The futurists project the solution of their dilemma upon some as yet undefined solution, deliverance or "Deliverer." An example would be the Jews expecting a Messiah King that would have delivered them from the overbearing Romans, sparing them more pain. A still deeper example is the heinous bent of the American Christian males towards the perverted belief of "waiting on God" to do that for which they are given responsibility. In either case, the futurist is looking for someone else to bail him out of a difficult situation and bring peace back into his life so he can continue with *his* way of living.

**Detachment** is Toynbee's last form of escapism and refers to an individual who removes himself from the problems at hand. He may do this by going to a mountaintop to wait for whatever, or by burying himself in his work. He is essentially removing himself from any struggle in dealing with a problem so that someone else assumes his responsibility. If the problem continues, or someone else's solution fails, it becomes the fault of the one left behind, not the one who abdicated and ran. As it has often been said, "Innocence by absence." Second-guessing is the hallmark of this type.

Though Toynbee seems rather complete, yet another form of escapism comes to mind, and that is **denial**. When faced with the destruction that is obvious to everyone else, the one who is in denial refuses to acknowledge there is a problem, much less deal with it. The one who denies characteristically will fall back on some worn-out doctrinal stance or some easily refuted "family" position that he/she has heard for his entire life. "Boys will be boys; she's just like her mother; Uncle Joe was hot-tempered, also, and he had red hair." (What in blue blazes does red hair have to do with being hot-tempered?)

Still a more characteristic mode of denial is to blow up when someone else mentions the problem. A form of denial in this category is to say, "I don't know what you are talking about!" and drift off onto something completely unrelated. Worse yet, the person in denial will quote his/her "daddy" that lets them off the hook. The essence of this type is the unwillingness to know anything at all that makes them responsible.

## THE GERGASENE FACTOR

Deuteronomy 7 lists the seven nations that were in Canaan with whom Joshua and his men would fight, and to whom the Israelites were not to marry (hence the enemies of Godly seed from marriage). Five of the seven nations were direct descendants of Ham, one of the three sons of Noah. The dark spiritual inclinations of these five, and the other two by association, were undergirded by evil spirits. These seven spirits are what I call the Seven Spirits of the Antichrist, primarily because they were the primary physical enemies of Israel. By virtue of Believers in Christ being the spiritual Israel, they are now our spiritual enemies, specifically enemies of our marriages. Additionally, they are the antitheses of the Seven Spirits of Christ found in Isaiah 11. These spirits do not cease to exist just because Israel and the people of Canaan died; to the contrary, they “live” on, as it were, and occupy host to host throughout History, as they are *received* by those “hosts.” We, as Believers, are the chosen targets to become their hosts. These spirits individually, and at times corporately, affect our marriages in all three phases, from genesis, betrothal, and on into the marriage proper, specifically in the rearing of our children. The latter (the seed) has several sub-phases of being affected by these destroying spirits. We as maturing adults are particularly susceptible to them.

The one most prevalent, the most damaging, and the one on which we will concentrate is the Spirit of the Gergashites, or Gergasenes, as they are known in the New Testament.

An in-depth analysis of Scripture reveals several things:

One, they were raising swine, which precluded them from being Hebrews.

Secondly, they were in company with a demoniac.

Thirdly, they had fear when their routine was disturbed.

Fourthly, as it reads in Matthew 8:28, “when they ‘saw’ Jesus, (Mark 5 and Luke 8 read, “saw the former demoniac”) they begged Him to leave.” Now, the word *saw* here has something interesting about it. The Greek has eleven verbs meaning “to see,” and the one in Matthew is *eido*, which means “saw,” but this verb gives *prominence to the discerning mind*. In other words, they “sized Him up.” Whatever the etymologic drift of the verb, their reaction speaks volumes; they begged Him to leave.

In Toynbee’s view, the Gergasenes would be considered *futurists*, signifying in his mind that they were looking for a future solution to their problems. Mark and Luke indicate the townsfolk “saw” the demoniac, and begged Jesus to leave. Either way, their apple cart had been upset; the way things had been was changed, and they did not like it. The *status quo* no longer existed. The fact that the demoniac was delivered of his torment was not what they wanted, and that revealed their heart, which was evil. My interpretation to all this is that whatever they “saw” in Jesus, it was not what they expected to “see.” Further, the spirit under which they operated was *to leave things as they were, and by this, they were shirking their duty*.

## THE GERGASENES' FAMILY TREE

Continuing with the analysis under **THE GERGASENE FACTOR**, note that the setting for this passage in Scripture is both a little town and a nation in Disintegration. Just as there is a predominate (male) behavior during the Genesis of a culture, there is also a predominate male behavior during the Disintegration phase. From the foregoing, *it is patently obvious that law and order, masculinity and strength dominate the Genesis period of a culture; conversely, perverted 'grace', perverted femininity and weakness dominate the Disintegration phase.* As J.R. Nyquist puts it, "Then God and knighthood, worship and war; now drugs and sex, good ol' rock and roll."<sup>3</sup> As we retrieve examples from scripture and History in general, we will see this pattern repeatedly, and recognize the latter as our current curse.

So where does it originate ?

Has anyone looked at the Garden of Eden ?

What really did happen at the Fall ?

Was Eve solely to blame as we would be led to believe from cookie-cutter Protestant doctrine?

Setting aside the fact that Satan set the precedent in Heaven when he *chose* darkness, the Garden of Eden is one of the focal points that affects us. Indeed, Adam *was* in the garden when Eve was accosted by the serpent. (A question comes to mind; if one were to have a snake in his garden, or house, what would we instinctively do? Why, we'd shoot it, beat it with a hoe, or do something violent! Why is there any need to talk about a snake being in your garden?) Being created in the image of the Trinity, Adam had powers that would have allowed him to know what was going on at the time. In any case, the Word says he was in the Garden. He could have said, "Woman, we're not going to eat that apple, so put it down." "Serpent, get out of this garden; you have no right to be here inasmuch as *I am the spiritual authority* here."

End of conflict. End of story. Period. But no; Adam said none of those things. Instead, he did nothing, he abdicated, he shirked, he looked the other way, he *chose* silence, which in this case was evil; he let things slide; passive, not proactive. Someone left the testosterone in the medicine cabinet. "Why, Momma never told me I was supposed to do this sort of thing...." **Momma ?**

How about Barak and Deborah in Judges 4? (Isn't the time of Judges in the middle of a period of disintegration?) "And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD...." Deborah was a judge at the time, and said to Barak, "The LORD commands you to go, summon your men at Mount Tabor...., and I will draw out Sisera." Barak says to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; if not, I will surely not go." (Real brave here...) Deborah was trying to put a little testosterone in his loins, but he was reluctant. Instead, she agreed, but told him Sisera would be delivered into the hands of a woman, and it would not lead to his glory. WOW! The Spirit of the Gergasenes was alive and well....

How about the abdication of authority between Ahab and Jezebel? Or the lack of courage that was already present in the men of Israel as they came out of Egypt? Their behavior at the

entrance to the Promised Land belied any strength of character to face evil. Keep in mind now that the Old Testament was “written for us as a warning and as an example.”

### **GENESIS: WHAT WE ONCE WERE**

Joshua into Canaan  
Gideon and his band of 300 men  
David’s stand against Goliath and the Philistines: his mighty men  
Jesus and His disciples  
Paul and the young church  
England, the Knights of the Round Table, the Magna Charta  
Pilgrims and the Mayflower Compact  
The early Scots, with Calvinism and John Knox  
Early America, the Puritans, Quakers, mountain men, pioneers, settlers, scouts  
Texas and the Alamo, Judge Roy Bean, Texas Rangers, etc.

**AMERICA; ITS GENESIS** The Pilgrims had just come out of religious persecution.

Humble: They had nothing.  
Grateful: Having nothing, they were thankful for anything.  
Purposed: They knew what they wanted, a home, family, and a place to worship.  
Hard working: If they did not work, they died, and their family with them.  
Self-determinism: No state welfare for these, nor handouts, nor relatives.  
Fear of God: This is self-explanatory. Persecution has that sort of effect. It is also the beginning of wisdom, which, applied to the raising of a family, yields Godly seed.  
Disciplined: The Fear of God has this effect, as well as being hungry.  
Honorable: They did what they said they would do. The small fraternity around them demanded it. Their internal Spirit instigated it.  
Courageous: Their backs were against the wall. Do what’s right or die.  
Perseverance: A virtue learned from necessity.  
Proper roles: There was **no** reversal of roles; both men and women knew their duties. Boys had role models, and girls theirs. Sodomites and lesbians were few and far between because of the above, primarily because the fathers accepted their responsibilities and did not abdicate. To the man who obeyed His Word, God honored him with Godly seed. This is a historical fact.  
An abdicating male, by contrast, begets a eunuch or worse; a mental/spiritual eunuch begets children who are promiscuous, arrogant, forward, drunkards, rebels, murderers, sodomites, lesbians, and so forth. This also is a historical fact.  
Vision: These people wanted a better life for themselves and their families.  
Hope: They believed in themselves and had their trust in God.

- Salty: Perverts, thieves, and other malefactors were met with sternness. The majority were booted out of town. Recall Matt Dillon, Wyatt Earp, et al. Violence was met with violence. Evil was confronted; political correctness and feminism did not exist. Leaning into the wind: struggles were met with strength. Difficulties, death and disease were met with honor.
- Rural v. urban: Most were rural, and as such were closely tied to the earth and its lessons of wisdom. Common sense was prevalent, substance prevailed over symbolism, form over function, deeds prevailed over false compassion, actions over words.

### **DISINTEGRATION; WHAT WE BECAME...**

- Moses: The account of the Wilderness, and the dead bodies falling.
- Joshua: Judges 19, Judges 21:25.
- David: A three-generation microcosm of Genesis, Growth, Breakdown, and Disintegration; Solomon's idolatry in his latter years, and the depravity of his sons.
- Paul and the young church: The abdication of the church leaders leading to clerics becoming the hierarchy, the Catholic church, the Dark Ages, etc., until the Reformation...
- England: The demise of England, betrayal of Israel in 1913, loss of her rule over the seas, dissolution of the British Empire, currently in a moral cistern along with Eastern Europe.
- Early America: Shall we make a long list of the current behavior of Americans as compared to that which described the early pioneers, Quakers, and mountain men?

### **AMERICA: DISINTEGRATION, DECEMBER, 2004**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Apathy                              | Breakdown of Family                  |
| Little true compassion              | Sexual perversity                    |
| Forgetting God                      | Church apostasy, division, impotency |
| Ungodly pursuits                    | Spread of occult, freemasonry        |
| Obsession with violence             | Cults                                |
| Dishonor                            | Coldness                             |
| Base, beast-like culture            | Anger within ranks of youth          |
| Moral degradation                   | Murder, even of parents, offspring   |
| Loss of self-determinism            | Rape                                 |
| Emotional                           | Pornography rampant                  |
| Reversal of roles                   | Demonic behavior                     |
| Government dependency               | Creative minority, power freaks      |
| Escapism                            | Overbearing, confiscatory government |
| Fathers abdicating, sports fetishes | Desertion of women, kids             |
| Sodomy on the rise, smell of blood  | Dissolution of Christ-centered items |
| Polarization of Americans           | No absolutes; relative morals        |

## THE GERGASENE SPIRIT COMES ALIVE

1. Under what circumstances does this type of behavior originate?
2. How does it develop?
3. What are its characteristics?
4. What are its immediate fruits?
5. What is its fate?

### *1. Under what circumstances does this type of behavior originate?*

Let's begin with the Beginning. Lucifer was created at the highest order of angels; In other words, he was at the top of his game. As Genesis 1 says, God separated the light from the darkness. Now Lucifer *chose* the darkness, the part that was envy of God. The rest you know.

Secondly, in the Garden of Eden, Adam had it all. He was created with power, authority, position and wisdom, which essentially was the total image of the Trinity.

David; after he had conquered the bulk of his enemies, and there was a modicum of peace;

Then came II Samuel 11:1-ff., "In the spring of the year, when kings go forth to war... but David remained at Jerusalem." Guess who was on the roof? –naked?

Solomon; in his own words, had done it all, and had wisdom, wealth, position, women, and gold.

In Ezekiel 16:47-52 several failings of Israel are mentioned:

1. accused of being worse than Sodom
2. having pride
3. surfeit of food
4. full of prosperous ease
5. did not feed the poor and needy
6. haughty
7. did abominable things before God

America: circa 1946-2004, especially 1990-2004

1. accused of being worse than Sodom
2. has pride
3. surfeit of food (and everything else)
4. full of prosperous ease
5. does feed the poor and needy, for political gain at times
6. haughty
7. does abominable things before God
8. has forgotten God and cast His words behind their backs

The essence of the answer: abdication/shirking shows up **when everything is going good.**

## ***2. How does this attitude develop?***

At the moment of decision, a man *chooses* to:

- Ignore: a condom in his 12 year old's room.  
Not warn: his son that is dating a girl the father knows is on the make.  
Deflect: his son's temper being like Grampa, laughingly.  
Delay: putting the switch to his children's bottoms when they sassed their mother.  
Avoid: private confrontation with his wife when she has been disrespectful to him in public.  
Embarrassed: by his 3-year old throwing a tantrum, and instead carries him to his mother for discipline.  
Flinch: from your older, more educated wife in stopping her from dominating his only son, leaving him a eunuch.  
Hide behind: a religious spirit when his Jezebel wife is out of control, and ruins his reputation as a Godly man.  
Walk away: from his child's base behavior, instead of addressing it.  
Act: like nothing's wrong when his 10 year old is drifting toward effeminacy.  
Fail: to teach his children scriptural lessons on pertinent issues affecting them in school during their formative years.  
Silent: when his 'smarter' wife mollycoddles her oldest grandson, leaving him with a female's mind, and unable to deal with males the rest of his life.  
Be silent: when his 12 year old daughter leaves home in a bra that shows her nipples.  
Dismiss: a friend who tells him carefully he heard his son use the f-word.  
Too busy: to go to his son's baseball game or his daughter's horse show.  
Embarrassed: to teach his children a Scripture every morning.  
Back down: from doing the hard thing prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Let:	his kids go to school without a blessing and covered with prayer.
Wait:	for his wife to lead in spiritual matters.
Appease:	a dominating, usurping female in his church because she is “spiritual.”
Adopt:	his wife’s way of handling male matters.
Deny:	his own generational sins inherited from his forefathers.
Scared:	to ask his children’s forgiveness for his mistakes in their formative years.
Avoid:	fatherly affection and acceptance of the children.
Cower:	to any hard truths about his own strongholds by softening them = effeminization.
“Ask”:	his wife how to discipline their son; that’s like her asking him how to nurture a child, clean house, or have a baby.
Forget:	to cleanse, purge, and bless the new house into which you moved.
Sheepish:	when his son browbeats his sister.
Yellow:	when Jesus is demeaned.
Allow:	himself to be smothered, nested, comforted to a point of softness.

**The word *chooses* is used to make the point that if these are continued, the fruit will multiply.**

(Lest any think these are targeted at you, 16 of the 30 are from yours truly; the rest are actual cases in lives of near family and friends.)

### ***3. What are the characteristics of the Gergasene spirit?***

In Revelation 21:8, we find the cowardly and the faithless at the head of the list of those who will have their lot in the lake of fire, which is the second death. We find faithlessness throughout the Old and New Testaments as being the primary character flaw that brings God’s wrath. (See Psalms 50, please.) Faithlessness is essentially forgetting God and casting His Word behind our backs. (See 1 above.)

Definitions, from Roget’s Thesaurus:

#### **Cowardice:**

**Nouns:** Timid, effeminate, craven, faint of heart, shy, milksop, white-livered, cur (dog), shirker.

**Verbs:** cower, sneak, flinch, slink, turn tail, run away, yellow

**Adjective;** fearful, soft, effeminate, skittish, timid, unwarlike

#### **Faithless:**

**Nouns:** infidelity, doubt, misgiving, false, deception, guile, suppression, perversion, distortion, pretence, lip service, evasion, fraud, equivocation, fencing, shuffling, sham, concealment, hollowness, Pharisaic, mealy-mouthed, quibble.

**Adjective:** false, deceitful, dishonest, canting, double-tongued, -faced, -minded

**Shirk:**

**Nouns:** avoidance, abstention, inaction, refraining, forbearance, evasion, elusion, be neutral, flight, escape, slacker, truant, deserter.

**Verbs:** abstain, refrain, spare, not attempt, not do, eschew, let alone, take no part in, keep a distance, avoid, shun, steer clear, evade, elude, shy away, draw back, keep one's distance, shrink, flinch, recoil, dodge, parry, beat a retreat, turn tail, run away, cut and run, flee, desert, sneak away, sheer off, slink, bolt, abscond, abandon, reject, be neutral.

**The opposites:****Courage:**

**Nouns:** brave, valor, resolute, bold, daring, intrepid, confidant, self-reliant, manliness, manhood, nerve, pluck, mettle, game, grit, virtue, fortitude, gutsy, backbone, tenacity, prowess, bold, lion, tiger, defy, look in the face, muster up, take heart, bear up, persevere, take the bull by the horns, beard the lion in his den, run the gauntlet, strong-minded.

**Effects:** infuse, inspire, reassure, encourage, embolden, cheer, hearten, rally, make a man of.

**Faith:**

**Nouns:** belief, trust, credit, dependence, reliance, conviction, persuasion, certainty, way of thinking, principle, firm, settled, fixed, rooted, deep-rooted, staunch, unshaken, steadfast, calm, sober, impartial.

**Verbs:** believe, assume, realize, see, receive, set down, reckon, make sure of, persuade, take hold, rely on, apprehend, adopt, embrace.

**4. What are its immediate fruits?**

Let's take another look at the items under 2, and what actually happened, as a result of either abdicating or taking responsibility.

Ignore: a condom in his 14 year old's room.

*Fruit: The father did nothing, not so much as say a word. Subsequently, the son behaved promiscuously, affecting several young girls' lives. Read: several father's daughters.*

Warn or not warn: his son about dating a girl his mother knows is on the make.

*Fruit: The son was warned; the incident was used as an object for a lesson on physical, mental and spiritual warnings. The mother interceded for the son and the girl was taken out of the picture.*

Deflect: his son's temper being like Grandpa, laughingly.

*Fruit: From his father's attitude, the son interpreted his temper as no bad thing (not being much). This developed into a destructive trait that affected his later marriage.*

- Delay: putting the switch to his children's bottoms when they sassed their mother.  
*Fruit: the father finally did so, and as adults, the children developed a healthy respect for women in general.*
- Avoid: private confrontation with his wife when she has been disrespectful to him in public.  
*Fruit: there was no avoidance; boundaries were set for both husband and wife.*
- Embarrassed: by his 3-year old throwing a tantrum, the father carried him to his mother for discipline. I wonder does the mother carry a suckling to him to nurse?  
*Fruit: the jury is still out on this one. The man was warned in a scriptural way. Two months after the warning, in an exact duplicate situation, only twenty five years more mature, a father buried his only son at 28, dead of AIDS.*
- Flinch: from your older, more educated wife in stopping her from dominating their only son, leaving him a eunuch.  
*Fruit: the son, though strong and robust, never left his mother, but continued to do her every whim, even after marriage. The son's mother took precedent over his wife. Premature death, disease, tragedy, loss, and poverty were just some of the fruit, though other evil factors were involved.*
- Hide behind: a religious spirit when his Jezebel wife is out of control.  
*Fruit: the man's reputation as a Godly man was ruined. Solitude and isolation was the fruit, essentially robbing him of much spiritual fruit and seed.*
- Walk away: from his child's base behavior, instead of addressing it.  
*Fruit: the father used his work as an excuse to walk away. Innocence by absence.*
- Act: like nothing's wrong when his 10 year old is drifting toward effeminacy.  
*Fruit: the father chose to ignore and diminish his son's proclivities by explaining them away. "He's a good boy at heart; this is just a phase, that's just the way he is." Thirteen years later he buried his son, dead of AIDS.*
- Fail: to teach his children scriptural lessons on pertinent issues affecting them in school during their formative years.  
*Fruit: the father did teach his children scriptural lessons, simultaneously as he himself was dealing with what life was dealing out to him. The children saw firsthand how scripture applied to life, and as adults, lived the same way. Home and their parents are now their favorite place and models.*
- Silent: when his "smarter" wife mollicoddles their oldest grandson.  
*Fruit: with no male model, this left him with a female's mind, and unable to deal with males the rest of his life. He became an alcoholic (she gave him whiskey at 13), and he died tragically at 33.*

Be silent: when his 12 year old daughter leaves home in a bra that shows her nipples.

*Fruit: the father did address the situation, and kindly insisted the daughter go change. Is it a coincidence that she was a virgin at marriage, and was chosen by a faithful, virtuous young man ?*

Dismiss: a friend who tells him carefully he heard his son use the f-word.

*Fruit: although temporary, the young man was strongly disrespectful to females, especially his sister and others. By God's grace, he later repented.*

Too busy: to go to his son's baseball game, or his daughter's school play.

*Fruit: the son became angry, married under immoral conditions, left his wife and children, contemptuous of women, sisters and mother alike, led a life in and out of jail, problems with drugs, alienation from all his family, destructive of siblings' heritage, and still remains very angry at 52.*

Embarrassed: to teach his children a Scripture every morning.

*Fruit: Simply put, Jesus will be ashamed of the father later on. The children learned the ways of the world instead, and lived those.*

Back down: from doing the hard thing prompted by the Holy Spirit.

*Fruit: the father's hearing became dull, until finally he was deaf. The children learned exactly the same attitude.*

Let: his kids go to school without a blessing and covered with prayer.

*Fruit: Very simple: the children received just the opposite, and instead fell into diverse problems and temptations, they were not covered.*

Wait: for his wife to lead in spiritual matters.

*Fruit: there was little or no authority established in the home or later in the homes of the children as adults. The children saw a role model which was counter to Scripture, and acted accordingly later on in life.*

Accept: a dominating, usurping female in his church because she is "spiritual".

*Fruit: this evolved into a full-fledged Jezebel spirit that ruled the local church body and evicted the pastor. Castration of authority was the issue.*

Adopt: his wife's way of handling male matters.

*Fruit: the children were confused, some turning to homosexuality, some to rebellion, some to abuse of their spouses, some away from Christianity. The sons became hot-headed.*

Deny: his own generational sins inherited from his forefathers.

*Fruit: As soon as the son either condones, accepts or in any way approves of his (or her) father's anti-scriptural behavior, that particular behavior will be passed down to him, and with it, the due penalty associated with it. When the son or daughter confesses the sin of his/her father, the chain is broken and the son/daughter is free, and by extension, their children. This in no wise infers nor implies the 'judgment' of the father, merely the confession of it. The Pharisees "killed" the prophets of old through their fathers, by condoning what they had done.*

Scared: to ask his children's forgiveness for his mistakes in their formative years.

*Fruit: If this is done, the children are free to receive the Spirit's deliverance. If not, they are subject, as it were, to the unperceivable anger that results because of the spiritual bondage. Additionally, social ruptures of all sorts (anger, hatred, bitterness, and accusations) will continue between the parent and the child. This is one of the most critical and liberating moves a parent can make, but one of the hardest to admit.*

Avoid: fatherly affection and acceptance of the children.

*Fruit: Again, back to the previous two, this will do nothing but perpetuate the family spirits down to the next generation. Whether the parent likes it or not, or fails to accept this fact, the familiar or generational spirits will continue to "rub off" as it were, onto the child. This phenomenon will commence as early as five years of age, e.g., sexual lust, control, gluttony and eating disorders, pride, even the embryonic manifestations of seduction, male and female adultery, rejection and insecurity. Equally a sodomite or lesbian; the embryonic traits begin very early in life from the confusion seen when he/she sees his/her father and mother reversing their God-given roles; abdication,/weakness, effeminate behavior being foremost on the part of the father. What the child sees happening in moderation will be carried out to excess as an adult. A thirty-five year old woman does not just wake up one morning and decide to be an adulteress; the traits begin very early life, most often when the relationship with her father is cold and /or inattentive.*

*I was reminded of an incident where my son once visited an acquaintance who had a younger five year old sister. During his stay there, the little girl came and cuddled up next to him during the night. Now this was completely innocent, with no sexual over- tone on the part of either, to those who think otherwise. My son had been playing a game with her earlier in the day. The reason that the little girl came was that she had no comparable interaction and affection from her father. Let us fast forward just a few years. This type of behavior will continue until in puberty, she will relinquish her body*

*to get the attention and acceptance she craves and rightfully needs. This behavior will continue and as with most in her situation, she will be abandoned by her lovers, still unaccepted and unfulfilled. By thirty-five, her former husband(s) and first family are typically in shambles, leaving her desperate, in unrelenting pain and confusion, and the victim of an invisible, undetected spiritual stronghold.*

*A married man with compassion from the local church shows up, and begins to “counsel” her. She responds with the tools learned from thirty years of trying to satisfy her needs, namely her body. The unsuspecting, good-looking deacon, often with an obese wife, succumbs to the incredibly strong spirit of seduction. She gets her man, but leaves his former wife and family also in shambles. At this point, no one would ever dare to draw the connection between the little girl of five and the seductress of thirty-five; even less, the emotional vacuum left her by her very own abdicating father. Yet, this is precisely the case the majority of the time.*

*There are endless variations to this theme, but they all have a common thread—the abdication of the father to be what he was created to be to his children, as well as what he was directed by scripture. Detachment and denial take their toll.*

Cower: to any hard truths about his own strongholds by softening them = feminization

*Fruit: Escapism in the classic mold. Seeking an alternate solution to dealing with difficult problems is a stronghold. Softening them is effeminate.*

“Ask”: his wife how to discipline their son;

*Fruit: that’s like her asking him how to nurse a child, clean house, or have a baby. It shouldn’t even be a topic of discussion.*

Forget: to cleanse, purge, and bless the new house into which you moved.

*Fruit: this is a no-brainer for adult males, and specifically his job. It is very easy to tell when the purging has been forgotten: all Hell will show up, from the wife’s strange irritability, to the kids going bonkers, to just a creepy feeling in the house. Most often anger, confusion, and disarray are the signs. More serious losses often develop; you fill in the blank....*

Sheepish: when his son browbeats his sister.

*Fruit: when corrected, this winds up being a model for the son to respect women; when it is omitted, the son grows up just the opposite, and treats his wife just as he was trained: to browbeat her.*

Yellow: when Jesus is demeaned.

*Fruit: Jesus then will be demeaned in the children’s minds, not to mention Jesus Himself will demean the father.*

Allow: himself to be smothered, nested, comforted to a point of softness.

*Fruit: The answer is from J.R. Nyquist; “America’s calamity has to do with the doctrine of progress conceived as the development of sensual bliss instead of moral muscles. Under this doctrine: rather than exerting one’s powers in the cause of self-restraint, one always gives in to desires. The spirit, placed in this situation, quickly loses its masculine aspect. It grows flabby, weak, and incapable of thinking painful thoughts. Ergo, it loses the power of self-examination and rectification. In fact, it becomes incapable of any genuine thoughts whatsoever. Therefore one achieves, in all actuality, a regress and a downgrading of human character, where people become immoral as well as stupid.”*

Nearly without exception, *ungodly traits, trends of transgressions, failure, and exhibition of bad fruit within my children is a direct result of my personal abdication. My wife's Addison's disease is an indirect result of abdication; specifically, insofar as it relates to me, it was my ignorance and silence. By the same token, I can directly trace Godly traits and good fruit to times I obeyed the Word, and God honored that Word. The Word is clear as to what any father is to do for his children.*

I can also document this same cause and effect to those cases with which I am intimately knowledgeable. Further, there are numerous examples within Scripture that corroborate the same. A case in point is David, a man after God's own heart. Conventional knowledge has it that David's sin of adultery with Bathsheba is the sin that caused the losses that followed. Not so; read II Samuel 11:1, "In the spring of the year, the time when kings go forth to battle, David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel;.....*but David remained at Jerusalem.*"

It was not David's adultery which was the initial sin which caused all the mayhem, but David's *remaining at Jerusalem*. In other words, it was David's *abdication* of going to battle in the spring of the year, and not doing what he, as king, was supposed to do. Sending Joab to do his job was an incredible instance of shirking his duty; *Déjà vu* Adam in the Garden.

##### **5. What is its fate?**

The *fate* of the children of an abdicating male is the same as it was for the Gergeshites; annihilation, demon possession, swine raisers. There are several axioms that speak for themselves:

The fruit does not fall very far from the tree.

Like father, like son.

What the father does in moderation, the son will do to excess.

The son is a chip off the old block.

One shall reap what he has sown.

In summary, the Spirit of the Gergesenes is the emasculation of males, and the loss of the exercise of their spiritual authority. The result is the destruction of the family, ruptured relationships, and aberrations of behavior. Essentially, it denies the Almighty His due Seed, alters His Divine plan for the redemption of man; for the immediate and current, it perverts the transformation of His Seed into the Image of Jesus.

*The effect of everything that man has made, organized, invented, employed, or designed, is to lull the male into inactivity from his created role, and to numb him from following his instincts.*

This occurs in full strength during the Disintegration Phase of a society, immediately prior to bondage of its inhabitants. There is no remedy other than blood, and blood it shall be, as it always has been. As Isaiah wrote in chapter twenty-six verse nine, “Only when Your judgments are in the earth will men learn righteousness.”

If the tsunami in SE Asia is the portent I believe it is, then the United States is only a half-planet away from its just desserts. Just because the females do not want to hear of anything harsh or cruel does not mean it will not or cannot happen. As the Word says, even the most delicately bred women will eat their children (or the equivalent thereof). Denial by either the father or the mother does not affect the outcome of a disintegrating child; equally, blaming someone else for the outcome of your children does not wash either. There is some degree of hope for a few, but it will require an extraordinary will to change, to admit wrong, repent and accept deliverance.

At the beginning, as well as here at the end of this paper, is a Statement of Intent. That Statement says that cursing the darkness is not sufficient; a candle needs be provided as well. It also says, as Jesus said, there is no forgiveness without repentance, no blessing without obedience, no deliverance without admission and belief. Hence, the majority of this paper has been directed towards exposing what *is*, and the explanation of all that *is* .

Everything goes back to God Almighty; all solutions commence and end with His Word. All truth, all goodness, all laws of cause and effect, all consequences, all that happens to us is in accordance with His Word. Everything that relates to truth, and therefore everything that relates to deliverance and proper behavior commences and ends with His Word.

In the penning of this paper, a number of startling impressions have come to the forefront.

One. It is frightening to realize how few are aware of the danger of the destruction of *their* family at hand, given all that is easily perceived and readily observed.

Second, it is even more disturbing to observe that the great preponderance of men are completely satisfied with things as they are. “There is no problem; go to work; eat all you can at the local Chinese buffet; watch the latest Cowboy football game; why, I’ve got to have a little diversion; take a nap, I’m sleepy. Besides, I tithe; I go to church, I visit the sick, I witness, I, I, I, I...”

Lastly, the most frightening thing of all is the awareness given me by the Most High concerning but one aspect of the Body of Christ, both the manifest destruction visible to the naked eye and that which is easily predictable. An alarming aspect is that no one in the Body cares enough about me to warn me of my blind spots, and issues that need to be addressed. THAT leaves me unprotected and unwarned. My backside is open and vulnerable to attack. Does this imply the other members of the Body do not even entertain the thought of being shot in the back at all ? If so, what concept of Satan **do** they have? –that he is non-existent? – a pussycat? – a toothless, harmless myth?

Perhaps, just perhaps, the precise Word of God will break through this religious phlegm, this spineless catharsis, this intolerable tepidness, this mouth-spewing luke-warmness. To that end, I encourage a close study of Psalms 50 and Jeremiah 8. Looking up the Hebrew meaning of key words is recommended.

### **POSTSCRIPT: 1/12/05**

During the pre-dawn hours this morning, there was a drawing to the passage in Matthew 7:13-23, where Jesus is talking about how restricted His kingdom is, and the “little foxes that spoil the vine.” I was particularly quickened by 7:21-23, “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Farther who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.’”

Now here Matthew uses the word *evildoers*, but the corresponding passage in Luke 13:27 uses *workers of iniquity*. The word *evildoer* here means, lawless, not having or knowing, not acknowledging (the law). It is synonymous with #94 and # 462 (in Strong’s Concordance), “to be unholy, wicked; it is the strongest form *denoting presumption and self-assertion*. It is predicated of the sinner in order to describe his sin as being *in opposition to, and in contempt of, the will of God.*”

It was also noted that these so-called *wicked* had several things in common with our modern-day *Christians*:

- One: they acknowledged Jesus as Lord.
- Two: they prophesied (read “used the Word of God”)
- Three: they did it in “His name.”
- Four: they cast out demons in His name. WOW! (Leaves me in the dust...)
- Five: they did mighty works in His name; probably some healing and other miracles.

About this time I began to get a little nervous. For some reason the story of Saul and his disobedience to Samuel’s instruction came to mind. I turned to that passage and began to dig; I found the following:

I Samuel 16:19 “Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD?... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”

Definitions: (It would be good to look up these words for the whole definition).<sup>4</sup>

**Rebellion:** (4805) rebellion, perverseness, refractoriness

**Reject:** (3988) melt, dissolve, running out. American: drained, to dilute, dissipate, water down.

**Stubbornness:** (6484) to peck at, stun, dull, press, and urge.

**Witchcraft:** (7081) the pagan parallel (divination) to biblical prophesying to manipulate the circumstances. Does this sound familiar?

**Iniquity:** (205) sinfulness; yields trouble, distress, emptiness, misfortune. Oh, this cannot apply to me! Do I dare to work backwards from effect to cause?

**Idolatry:** (8655) literally household “gods.”

Now it goes without much discernment that Saul was also “doing good things,” namely sacrificing to God with the intent of getting victory against the enemies of God, of doing His will, as it were. For that matter, so was David when he, with much zeal and enthusiasm, tried to bring the ark of God back to Jerusalem. He even built a new cart to haul it on. Why, that’s admirable of him to treat God to a new cart! Notwithstanding the intent, David’s *presumption* of the Word of God got Uzziah killed right there on the spot in a most dramatic fashion. (Heaven forbid that we should ever be as presumptuous as David. Besides, that’s Old Testament...)

So I saw several words that caught my attention;

Those words are:

**Presumption:** thinking I know what someone else needs to hear, no matter how much of the Word He has given me

**Self-assertion:** It matters not how much discernment, how great the insight, how touching the *rhema* word; **if I present the understanding on my own volition of time, place, person, or manner without His specific direction, I am no better than Saul, and line up with those to whom Jesus is referring in Matthew 7:22-23!**

**Witchcraft:** prophesying (using the Word of God) in order to manipulate the circumstances.

Sunday, January 16, 2005

After a restless night, awoke with a dull headache; even after coffee, still the same. There was a mental lethargy, and hard to concentrate on anything substantial. The alarm of destruction on behalf of Joshua/Deena, Jeff/Hilda, and Ralph/Lori (the names are changed) has ostensibly been mentally derailed, or at least pushed off onto a spur. I seemingly cannot get back (or forward) to that alarmed state this morning. I really want to take an aspirin and go back to sleep.

This ebbing factor goes hand in hand around a situation twenty years ago at my previous job, as well as one ten years ago where an accountant was embezzling millions from a most gentle, unassuming owner. Both involved upright and honorable men nearly ruined by Destroyers, as I call them. It goes without saying the upright cannot fathom what Evil is doing to them while they go about their business. Evil cannot rest as we do, and cannot tolerate what we have, whether it be peace, position, respect, wealth or prominence. They resent (read hate) what we are and what we have. The two Destroyers in question were consistently undermining me and the owner of the oil company, respectively, taking advantage of every situation that presented itself, even inventing problems when none existed normally.

It is the *naiveté*' of the upright that is their Achilles' Heel, resulting in the thing they least anticipate. It occurs in the phases of their lives where they are the most vulnerable. Prosperity and lives of relative ease exacerbate the vulnerability, and increase the likelihood of loss and destruction.

It also goes without saying that the upright are blind-sided more often than the others, simply because they do not conceive of evil. There is by default a certain carelessness which often evolves into an air of foolishness. Here is where we often find ourselves; that is, until the phone rings in the middle of the night, or we find a lump where none should be, or blood where blood should not be. All of a sudden the numbness of mind, the lethargy of thought, the carelessness of yore comes to a screeching halt. Reality has set in abruptly, unceremoniously, ill-manneredly.

But; but, **but!** Was not the evil that eventually showed up in full view not in progress simultaneously whilst we were of dull mind? Surely we cannot, with good conscience, accept the frontal assault as being *impromptu*, spontaneous, and instantaneous, with no malice or forethought of its perpetrators? Surely, surely, surely not.....

So why were we blind-sided? More pointedly, why were we even the ones chosen to be blind-sided? More subtly still, do we ever figure out this insidious pattern? For the great majority of "saints," the answer is a resounding **NO!**

It is from this view from the turret that this alarm is given; whether to the dull of hearing, or to those who deem change unnecessary at their age, or to the careless, matters not. For whom doth the bell toll?

One of the Tribe of Issachar      January 25, 2005

## SCRIPTURAL BACKDROP

### I. Scriptural references

- A. I Corinthians 10:6,11 “These things (Old Testament scriptures, Moses/Israel) are written as *warnings, examples, instruction*, for us that we should not desire evil as they did,” and “they were written down *for our instruction*, upon whom the end of the ages has come.” One should note that the Israelites’ disobedience (really a shirking, cowardice), brought death to 23,000, destroyed by serpents. These things God did to His own people!
- B. Galatians 6:16, “We are the Israel of God,” grafted in, as it were.
- C. Matthew 5:18, “For truly, I say to you, not until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.”
- D. Numerous quotes by the New Testament apostles of the Old Testament passages.

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