AMERICA'S FUTURE? By Gary Varvel

"I've never seen things this bad in America before." This is a comment I hear a lot whenever I engage someone in conversation. Let me remind you that before this last election, I said that I believed if Joe Biden won the presidency, it meant that God is judging America. I still hold that view. The Bible says we will all stand before God one day to give an account for how we lived. But nations can't be judged in the future so they must be judged in this life. You might be thinking, why would God judge America? Or America is too big to fail. Well, I hate to break it to you, but the average age of a world empire is 250 years. America is 245 and we are in danger. Last month, <u>WND's Scott Lively wrote</u> about God's 'Law of Cumulative Sin' (Ezekiel 9:9). God is long-suffering and he is rich in grace and mercy as he calls us to repent of our sins and be saved. But there are limits to God's patience with nations.

There are 2 specific sins that, when they accumulate, trigger God's judgment. They are the first 2 sins that Jesus mentions in his Sermon on the Mount. America is guilty of both. Can you guess what they are? Answer: Murder and adultery. (Matthew 5:21;27). Since 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Roe v Wade that abortion was legal, there have been over <u>62 million innocent babies</u> murdered in the womb. Although Justice Thomas recently wrote, the Supreme Court, 'Created the right to abortion out of whole cloth without a shred of support from the Constitution's text,' I don't see the political will to overturn it. Abortion has become a religious sacrament for the liberal left. The 2nd cumulated sin is adultery or sexual sin. God created sex for a man in woman in marriage (Genesis 2:24). In <u>2008, President Obama said</u> that marriage was "the union between a man and a woman." After he was elected a second time in 2012, <u>Obama announced his support for same-sex marriage</u> and in 2015, the <u>U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of it</u>. Since then the LGBTQ activists have successfully expanded their agenda through the media, schools, sports...

In <u>Cal Thomas' book, America's Expiration Date</u>, he writes about Sir John Glubb's research of 4000 years of world empires. Glubb lists 7 stages that every empire experiences before it falls.

- 1. The Age of Pioneers (Outburst and Expansion)
- 2. The Age of Conquests
- 3. The Age of Commerce
- 4. The Age of Affluence
- 5. The Age of Intellect
- 6. The Age of Decadence
- 7. The Age of Decline & Collapse.

Thomas says America entered the Age of Decadence with Hugh Hefner's Playboy magazine which led to the sexual revolution and rebellion against God's moral law and resulted in people forgetting God; a topic I've written about several times. Glubb also found, that there was always a class of people who embraced a welfare state, who believed safety and wellbeing

were rights rather than achievements. <u>Lucas Necessary's</u> review says this led to Oikophobia, which is an aversion or loathing of one's home culture, society, or nation. Sound familiar? #AnthemKneelers.

I hate to report this information because I love America. God has blessed our country more than any nation in history. But let's face it, America has all of the symptoms of a country in moral decline. All is not hopeless, though. Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:1-3). I hope you join me in claiming that promise