

# Antinomian Parallel in History

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There is more than one definition for the word antinomian, but for the purpose of this article the following will be used: “one who rejects a socially established morality.” As there are many examples in history of nations failing when they disposed of their previously held standards of morality, we will just focus on one “case history” for the sake of brevity. Most importantly, this ancient nation’s example has its parallels in our day and age, and the impacts associated with the behavior of its modern-day equivalent are already negatively affecting many people.

According to the following quotation, this ancient nation had a better guide to moral behavior than any other country on earth before, or since,

**Surely I (Moses) have taught you statutes and judgments...therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples (around you) who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law? Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself (be careful), lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and grandchildren (Deuteronomy 4:5-9; Ed. notes in parentheses; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).**

This nation was not given this great moral code because they were better or mightier than other countries,

**The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any**

**other people, for you were the least of all peoples (Deuteronomy 7:7; cf. 1Cor. 1:26-31).**

Nonetheless, this nation was chosen to teach God’s law and commandments to every other nation on earth. By effectively carrying out this commission, the entire planet would be blessed and at peace,

**The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, if you keep the commandments and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord (Deuteronomy 28:9-10).**

When the word “holy” is used, more often than not it means “set apart for service to God.” Therefore, this ancient nation, consisting of twelve separate families, was to be the world’s priesthood responsible for instructing every other country on earth about God’s law and commandments,

**Now therefore, if you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Exodus 19:5-6).**

Because God’s law is compared to “light,” this ancient nation was to enlighten the entire planet with God’s law, and blessings would then follow to the benefit of everyone,

**For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life (Proverbs 6:23).**

Unfortunately, this nation failed to fulfill its commission, and the entire planet has suffered to one degree or another ever since. Thankfully one outstanding individual, who can trace part of his lineage to one of these families, decided to take the action necessary to provide the light of God’s law to everyone on earth,

**Judah, you are he whom your brothers (remaining 11 families of Jacob) shall praise;**

**your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down before you. The scepter (symbol of kingship) shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (Christ/Messiah) comes; and to him shall be the obedience of the people. Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine (representing his shed blood), and his clothes in the blood of grapes (Genesis 49:8-11; Ed. notes in parentheses).**

Not only has Christ's sacrifice provided the means through which all repentant Gentiles can be forgiven and reconciled to God the Father, his shed blood also provides the means through which the family of Jacob can be forgiven of their sins, and restored to their god-given responsibility of representing and teaching the law and commandments of Almighty God to every nation on earth,

**You (Christ/Messiah) should be My (God the Father's) Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:6; cf. Luke 2:32; Ed. notes in parentheses).**

**Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain (symbol of gov't) of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths (of righteousness; cf. Psalm 119:172)." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3; Ed. notes in parentheses).**

Because the families of Jacob rebelled against God and rejected the commission they agreed to fulfill in Exodus 19:5-8, they were defeated and dispersed among their enemies. This dispersion occurred at various times in history and affected the families of Jacob differently. Specifically, ten of the families who were based in Samaria, were defeated by the

Assyrians over a period of about three years starting approximately 726 BCE. (2Kings 17:1-18), but the remaining families, which included Judah (the Jews), were based in Jerusalem, and defeated by the Babylonians approximately 589–587 BCE (2Kings 25:1-21). Although the families of Judah, Benjamin and Levi returned to Jerusalem seventy years later and re-instituted God's law and commandments, the ten families that lived in and around Samaria never returned to their city, or restored God's law and commandments. In fact, because their descendants do not observe the seventh day Sabbath (Saturday in the secular calendar) they have no idea that they are related to their forefather Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel (cf. Genesis 32:28; 35:10). Therefore, all Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews. Just like all Texans are Americans, but not all Americans are Texans. The following Israelites are not Jewish because their forefather is not Judah: Reuben, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh. These ten families were moved to the north and therefore went into what is now known as Europe, and then beyond. God refers to them collectively as Israel because they are larger in number than the descendants of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi (cf. 1Kings 4:20, 25),

**But as the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I have driven them... (Jeremiah 23:8).**

The descendants of these same ten families have often acknowledged God throughout their history, but they have not worshiped Him according to His word. Instead, they observe festivals associated with pagan gods like Mithra on December 25<sup>th</sup>, Janus on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and Ishtar during Easter. Even the days of the week, and months of the year, are named after pagan gods. Because many of Jacob's descendants are increasing in their antinomian behavior, God is about to bring them into a period of tribulation in order to correct them. This is referred to as "Jacob's trouble;" at which time they will realize who they really are, and make the connection that their

lawless conduct is the reason for their punishment and suffering,

**For thus says the Lord: ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not peace. Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it’ (Jeremiah 30:5-7).**

Unfortunately, the nations, where Jacob’s descendants are located today, are going to suffer devastation. This will serve as a reminder that there are consequences associated with sinful conduct. Also, it will expose a dereliction of duty on the part of Jacob’s descendants who should be obeying God’s word, and teaching other nations to do the same by their example,

**Though I (God) make a full end of all the nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go unpunished (Jeremiah 30:11).**

Western nations today are exporting their antinomian values to other countries; some of whom find this behavior repugnant,

*Thousands of Iraqis burned rainbow flags outside the Swedish Embassy in Bagdad on Thursday and Friday, protesting a man setting fire to a Koran outside a mosque in Stockholm. According to the Daily Mail, the demonstration was organized by Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr after 37-year-old Salwan Momika stomped on the Muslim Holy Book and set some pages on fire in a protest that coincided with the start of the Eid-ul-Adha holiday. In a statement Sadr called for Iraq authorities to expel the Swedish ambassador and cut all diplomatic relations with them. He called on his followers to burn the rainbow flag until the eighth day of the month because “it is what irritates them the most.” “No to homosexuality, yes to the Koran,” protesters*

*chanted.* (Human Events by Sara Higdon; 07/02/2023).

The leaders in ancient Israel behaved in the same antinomian manner as those in western nations today, and in both cases the citizenry end up suffering,

**But they paid no attention (to God’s laws), and (King) Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel (2Kings 21:9; Ed. notes in parentheses).**

**I will hand them over to trouble, to all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem (Jeremiah 15:4).**

In fact, had another King of Judah obeyed God’s word, which he did not, Jerusalem would not have been destroyed by the Babylonians,

**Then Jeremiah said to (King) Zedekiah, “Thus says the Lord: ‘If you surely surrender to the king of Babylon’s princes, then your soul shall live; this city shall not be burned with fire, and your house (family) shall live (Jeremiah 38:17; Ed. notes in parentheses).**

However, this king refused to follow the instructions given to him by one of God’s servants and, as a result, all his sons were killed, and his eyes were “put out;” just before being carried captive to Babylon. And, the city of Jerusalem was destroyed (Jeremiah 39:6-8).

Like it or not, and believe it or not, there are descendants of the ten families of Jacob who are not “Jewish,” and they and their leaders are behaving exactly as their forefathers did when they lived in Samaria. And, they will be held to account in the near future because instead of teaching God’s value system to the world, they are spreading antinomian behavior globally. When they finally wake up to the

consequences of their sinful conduct, they will be genuinely ashamed,

**As the thief is ashamed when he is found out, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they and their kings and their princes, and their priests and their prophets (Jeremiah 2:26).**

Sadly, many of the descendants of Israel are using the blessings God has given them for nefarious and antinomian endeavors, but the walls are closing in now and they will begin experiencing what God predicted would happen if they persist in walking contrary to His law and commandments,

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, says the Lord. For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, "The calamity shall not overtake us nor confront us" (Amos 9:8-10).**

Based on God's word in Amos 9:10, those among the descendants of Jacob who mock at God's warning to change their conduct, will be the first to forfeit their lives. Therefore, it would be prudent to give this earnest consideration, and repent while there is time to do so,

**The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness (antinomian behavior), and let us put on the armor of light (lawful behavior) (Romans 13:12).**

Given our current lawless trajectory and corruption, the removal of mankind's archenemy appears imminent, which is exceptionally good news for our future.

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