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## Should we be like all the nations?

There was a time when America was a much more separated and isolationist nation than it is today. Those were the days of America's greatest strengths, honor, industry, leadership, decent folks, and hard working free market ways. It was also a time when America was much more a white Christian nation than it is today. "Plain ole fear of God" was even taught in the schools.

Then somewhere along the line certain politicians convinced the people that this way of life was all wrong and that "we need to be like all the other nations". Accordingly, America on every front one can imagine "went international" in order to "be like the world community". From that point on we have been on a steady downward slide into staggering debt, drugs and violence in our streets, loss of industry with entrepreneurship, and presently mistrusted by most of the other nations of the world.

If only the clergy would have warned the people that we were headed in the wrong direction by our wanting to be like all the nations things may be different today. But the modern clergy even joined in the march to misguide America because they forgot to read in God's Word that this happened before to our people, ending the nation back then with utter self destruction. America is fast going from a "God fearing nation" to a "God sneering nation", and yet this same story took place once before long ago.

Samuel the prophet told our ancient Saxon Israel ancestors *that Yahweh God Almighty was their King* (I Samuel 12:12) and had previously instructed them that their national standard was best run by this method. But the people, in reasoning out matters in a gathered commission, told Samuel "*Make us a king to judge us like all the nations*" (I Samuel 8:5)

This popular decision greatly disturbed Samuel, but God told Samuel, "*Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.*" (I Samuel 8:7)

Samuel then told the people that they could have their wish to "be like all the nations" and that God would allow them to have a man king to rule over them just like other nations had their men kings too. But God told Samuel to first protest to the people by warning them that a man king would take their sons and daughters to reap his (the king's) harvests, to make his instruments of war, make them his mandatory laborers, and take the national wealth for his own servants. But the people replied to Samuel, "*Nay, but we will have a king over us, That we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us and fight our battles.*" (I Samuel 8:11-20) Then God said to Samuel, "*Hearken unto their voice and give them a king.*" (v.22) Thus started the long train of "men kings" over our Israel ancestors with most of the kings doing wickedness over the people and discarding God's laws. For this they eventually lost their entire nation having been taken captive by Babylon and Assyria.

Where will America's cries "*to be like all the secular world's nations*" wind up? Your guess.