"Divine Regime Change"
Isaiah 3:1-15

C.I.T.—The LORD brings regime change to Israel.
C.I.S.—You have a responsibility toward your leaders.
Purpose—I want to challenge our church to be good followers.
Introduction—Venezuela, Iran, and Ukraine

I. ***The Threat of Regime Change*** vs. 1-3
   a. Context of the Day of the LORD
   b. Removed support/supply—masculine and feminine for the same word—all of it.
      i. Supply of Sustenance
      ii. Supply of Security
      iii. Supply of Strategy
   c. All of these were the pillars of society
   d. This would not go well and would upend any type of stability and comfort the people had.
   e. Illus.—Iran attempt to destroy infrastructure
   f. Application
      i. We have comforts and things about our lives that we trust in for stability: jobs, marriage, health, etc.
      ii. The threat of losing those things should get our attention.

II. ***The Terror of Regime Change*** vs. 4-7
   a. Replaced with youth and children
      i. Not literally age, but maturity.
      ii. Youth and unstable rulers are parallel.
      iii. This refers to leaders who while they are adults who act like children.
   b. Discord
      i. Men will oppress one another—word for the oppression of slavery.
      ii. They will storm against his neighbor—treat poorly/assault
   c. Disrespect
      i. The civil norms will be upended.
      ii. Youth is supposed to respect the elderly.
      iii. The lowly should respect the respectable.
      iv. But society is turned upside down by these poor leaders.
      v. They call good bad and bad good.
   d. Dearth of leaders
      i. The qualification to be a leader is "do you have a jacket."
      ii. Even with that lowered
      iii. This means that the good men refuse to serve, and the people end up with whomever is willing, which usually isn't the ones you want leading.
      iv. This will lead to a downward spiral of community.
   e. This represents the removal and replacement of everything that they trust in.
   f. Illus.—Never know who will replace
   g. Application
      i. In this case, what replaces the regime will be worse.

ii. We should be terrified of God changing the regimes in our lives.

III. ***The Truth of Regime Change*** vs. 8-15

a. Stumbled in sin
   i. Stumbled and fallen—final condition
   ii. The words and deeds of the people are rebellious against the LORD.
   iii. They are bold and not ashamed, without conscience.
   iv. Display and do not hide sin.

b. Sown in sin
   i. Chiastic structure—positive sandwiched between two woes.
      1. Render to themselves evil and wicked will get repaid.
      2. Righteous will receive fruit of labor.
      3. You reap what you sow.
      4. You get what you deserve.
   ii. Youths and women
      1. Men who lead in immaturity and weakness.
      2. These are the leaders that the people have placed in leadership and whom they have chosen to follow.
      3. Because they are following these leaders, they will be reaping what they have sown.

c. Sentenced in sin
   i. He is holding court and holding them accountable, bringing sentence against them.
   ii. He addresses the people (followers) and the elders and rulers (leaders).
   iii. The leaders have led them into sin.
   iv. The nation has followed them into sin.

d. Working backwards, the people placed their trust in sinful leaders and followed them.
e. They sowed sinfulness and reaped poor leadership.
f. They find themselves fallen and defeated.
g. The LORD needs to reset the nation.
h. Illus.—Sins of France brought them Napolean, Sins of Germany brought them Hitler, I wonder what the sins of America will bring?
i. Application
   i. What will you sins bring?
   ii. Christian followership
      1. Pick the Right Leaders.
      2. Evaluate the Right Leaders.
      3. Hold them accountable.
   iii. The same principles are in place when we identify our priorities and support.
   iv. When we willingly choose support and loyalty to things contrary to God, we ask for regime change.

Conclusion

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- This warning was issued in order to give them a chance to change regimes on their own.
- Had they repented, removed their loyalties, and replaced it with the Lord, there would be no reason for Divine Regime Change.
- I wouldn’t wait for the Lord to do what you can do today.