

From Our Pastor

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Sabbath Greetings to everyone!

The city of Paris used to be known as the City of Love, or "Gay Paree" (when gay meant happy or merry). Today the City of Paris is the city of chaos, a city of riots almost every night, burned cars, roving gangs and ethnic violence. On Thursday the UKExpress had this headline: "PARIS ON FIRE: Riots reach capital's centre - buildings set ablaze and police attacked. WIDESPREAD suburban rioting spilled into central Paris last night as hundreds went on the rampage."

Officers were forced to unleash tear-gas on angry crowds as buildings and rubbish bins were set on fire around the Barbès Metro station, which is just around the corner from the Eurostar hub at Gare du Nord. As fire crews went in to extinguish the blazes, lines of riot police were attacked, and shops were looted. A policeman at the scene said: "Windows have been smashed and officers attacked. "Small groups of protestors wearing hoods to hide their identities are causing trouble and then running away.

Car burnings and violence by mobs has been a regular--almost nightly-- occurrence in the suburbs of the French capitol in recent years, but the scope of these recent riots is large. Police cars and officers have been attacked, even with bottles of burning gasoline.

What is causing the riots? Who is doing the rioting? Since the police don't arrest many rioters the truth is hard to discern. Some reporters say the young people are rioting because they fear some change in government policy such as a raising of the retirement age. Some point to recent police arrests of immigrants. Many say the rioters are Muslims carrying out a jihad and have posted videos of rioters shouting "Allahu Akbar" as they burn cars and buildings. Most news reports just call the rioters "youth" or something similar.

In truth France is a nation in disintegration. If national suicide were on the agenda, France would be the classic modern case to study. Sixty years of Socialism has sapped the energy and vitality of the nation. Since religion, traditional marriage, and family have been almost cast aside, the birthrate of native French people is way below the replacement rate.

Like other Western nations, the leaders of France appear unwilling to enforce their laws. Many Frenchmen are leaving France in fear to live in other countries.

Leader of the Front National (FN), Marine Le Pen, said: "Faced with this situation, which makes France a national disgrace and the misfortune of the inhabitants of the districts affected, the government is locked into a silence which reflects both its cowardice and its powerlessness." (Express.co.uk Feb 15).

Is the France of today the USA of tomorrow? Are we following the path of our friends across the Atlantic? How is it that democracy has degenerated into "riot--ocracy" or "mob-ocracy" ? It is taking over in a small way here, in a big way over there.

For centuries the main body of French people were the descendants of Reuben, oldest son of Jacob. In recent years, especially since the end of World War 2, huge numbers of immigrants from North Africa and Eastern Europe have immigrated to France, especially from the former colonies in North Africa.

Since the native French have almost ceased having children, the demographics have changed dramatically.

In Genesis 49:4, Jacob--whose name was changed to Israel-- predicted that Rueben would be, " Unstable as water, you shall not excel..." To say that France today is unstable is an understatement. The same dynamics are being repeated in other European nations so it is easy to see where things are going.

Since the modern French have rejected the Creator God, the curses for doing so given many years ago are coming to pass. Just as Moses told all Israel, ""The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.

"Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. (Deuteronomy 28: 43-45)

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