

Jubilee is a time for celebration, for reflection and resetting, for counting of blessings and looking ahead.



(A) Singapore is immensely blessed.

4th in terms of life expectancy in 2012 at 84.38 years.

Compared withUK: 80.42 yearsS Korea: 79.8 yearsUSA: 79.56 years



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3rd highest per capital GDP in the world in 2013 at US\$55,183.

Compared with *USA* : *US*\$53,183 *UK* : *US*\$38,492 *S Korea* : *US*\$25,977





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2nd in the 2014 Index of Economic Freedom with a score of 89.4.

Compared with	US	: 76.3
	UK	: 75.8
	S Korea	: 73.3



Land Reclamation?
Leaders?



I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. In her fertile fields and boundless prairies and it was not there. In her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits, aflame with righteousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power.

> America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.

Alexis de Tocuqeville



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(B) Righteousness

- (1) Positional standing of Believers.
- (2) High Moral behavior that God expects of His people.

Titus 2:12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age ...

Such Righteousness is NOT accidental; but to be taught and passed on from one generation to another.

What are we teaching our children? Are the fruits of righteousness relevant to Nation Building?

(C) Righteousness of Who?

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.



- The believers have locus standi.
 [2 Chronicles 7:14]
- > The believers exalt a nation by:
 - Having exemplary character
 - Raising obedient children
 - Walking honourably
 - Sharing compassion
 - Exercising charity
 - Facing life triumphantly



Ezekiel 22:23-29

23 Again the word of the Lord came to me: 24 "Son of man, say to the land, 'You are a land that has not been cleansed or rained on in the day of wrath.'
25 There is a conspiracy of her princes within her like a roaring lion tearing its prey; they devour people, take treasures and precious things and make many widows within her. 26 Her priests do violence to my law and profane my holy things; they do not distinguish between the holy and the common; they teach that there is no difference between the unclean and the clean; and they shut their eyes to the keeping of my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

Ezekiel 22:23-29

27 Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain. **28** Her prophets whitewash these deeds for them by false visions and lying divinations. They say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says'—when the Lord has not spoken. **29** The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice.

The cascading effects of corruption in society and the degeneration of all levels of society:

- Princes
- ✓ Priests
- Officials
- Prophets
- People

And permits a rising spirit of lawlessness

Ezekiel 22:30 I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not

have to destroy it, but found

<u>no one</u>.

The Lord is looking for faithful believers to stand in the Gap



The Lord is looking for a special group of <u>intercessors</u>, <u>guardians</u>, <u>prayer warriors</u>.



The Gideon Force - The Force of 1%

- From a group of 32,000 already outnumbered 4:1.
- Reduced to 10,000 by the Test of Boldness.
- Further reduced to 300 by the Test of Watchfulness.

(D) The Plans of God are Good

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Context:

- People exiled to a foreign land
- > They are to settle into and prosper with that land

We can:

- change the moral tone of the nation
- strengthen the home front
- fortify marriages
- put sex in proper perspective
- give purpose / ambition to our young people
- imbue a high sense of destiny to our nation
- set prisoners free

CONCLUSION National Prayer of President Yoweri Museveni

I stand here today to close the evil past and especially in the last 50 years of our national leadership history and at the threshold of a new dispensation in the life of this nation. I stand here on my own behalf and on behalf of my predecessors to repent. We ask for your forgiveness. We confess these sins, which have greatly hampered our national cohesion and delayed our political, social and economic transformation. We confess sins of idolatry and witchcraft which are rampant in our land.

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We confess sins of shedding innocent blood, sins of political hypocrisy, dishonesty, intrigue and betrayal. Forgive us of sins of pride, tribalism and sectarianism; sins of laziness, indifference and irresponsibility; sins of corruption and bribery that have eroded our national resources; sins of sexual immorality, drunkenness and debauchery; sins of un-forgiveness, bitterness, hatred and revenge; sins of injustice, oppression and exploitation; sins of rebellion, insubordination, strife and conflict.

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- your family?
- your marriage?
- your children / grandchildren?
- your cell group?
- your business?
- > your nation?

Jubilee	Our Salvation
People, all char property release	• • •
Slaves are relea	ased We were once held captive as slave to sin, now free.
Land to be reste	We enter in God's rest for all works of salvation because salvation is fully the work of God.





Can you stand in the gap for your family, marriage, children, nation?