

Evil Is Never Satisfied

Riots And Their Organizers

Demetrius was the head of the Ephesus silver union

"Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians!' So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions...

Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together. And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand and wanted to make his defense to the people." Act 19:28-29, 32-33

- 1. Riots filled with confusion usually result in destruction and killing.
- 2. Most are paid to riot, not knowing why they are there.
- 3. The organizers are in a penthouse of a building to watch what is going on in the streets.
- 4. Rioters and looters are the weapons leadership uses.

Riots And Rebellions Are The Result Of Self-Centeredness

"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was...

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:1-9, 13

A Self-Centered Generation

"There is a generation that curses its father and does not bless its mother. There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes yet is not washed from its filthiness. There is a generation—oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and whose fangs are like knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men. The leech has two daughters— Give and Give! There are three things that are never satisfied, four never say, "Enough!": The grave, the barren womb, the earth that is not satisfied with water— and the fire never says, "Enough!" The eye that mocks his father, and scorns obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it." Proverbs 30:11-17

- 1. Evil comes from self-centeredness, conceit, and arrogance.
- 2. Evil is based on rebellion toward authority, parents, then all in any position of authority, and finally, God.
- 3. Evil cannot be satisfied, it is insatiable.
- 4. Evil has greed which can only be satisfied for a short time then continually wants more.
- 5. The evil covers their tracks, never accepting responsibility. "There are three things which are too wonderful for me, yes, four which I do not understand: The way of an eagle in the air, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a virgin. This is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth, and says, 'I have done no wickedness." Proverbs 30:18-20
- 6. The entitled and inexperienced usually become abusive. *"For three things the earth is perturbed, yes, for four it cannot bear up: For a servant when he reigns, a fool when he is filled with food, a hateful woman when she is married, and a maidservant who succeeds her mistress."* Proverbs 30:21-23
- 7. Verse 17 describes the ultimate culmination of evil during the last days at the end of the tribulation. "The eye that mocks his father and scorns obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it (the eye) out and the young eagles (vultures) will eat it."