

BARBARIANS AT THE GATE?

There always is this fallacious belief:
"It would not be the same here;
here such things are impossible."
Alas, all the evil of the twentieth century
is possible everywhere on earth.
Alexandr Solzhenitsyn

When the Babylonians were storming the walls and the gates of Jerusalem, those being attacked were confident that they would survive it all since they were “the people of God;” that is, they were righteous and the Babylonians were not. They thought that in spite of the past prophecies of Isaiah and the (then) present proclamations of Jeremiah to the contrary. In fact, they had taken down all the twitter posts of Jeremiah since his messages were not Politically Correct and had actually incarcerated Jeremiah in a dungeon. That’s only partially correct. Actually, they burned the scroll upon which his message was written – they really did not have twitter. (But, you already knew that!) They even accused Jeremiah of being a agent of the Babylonian enemy.

As it turned out, the Babylonians were just pawns that God was using to bring judgment upon “His people” because of their wickedness that exceeded that of even Sodom and Gomorrah and because of sacrificing their children to idols and other detestable things.

We are somewhat familiar with the rest of the story. Even after the Babylonians had broken through the walls, kidnaped and taken to Babylon the smartest and most capable young people , and had set up a puppet king to rule the Jews, they still did not repent but carried on with their idolatry even to the point of setting up idols in the Temple of God.

Similar patterns of behavior can be seen in different times, different nations and different circumstances. The Babylonians take on different personas at various times. In the era of the 1960s one could argue that it was the Students for a Democratic Society and the Weather Underground. Nowadays, some might see the Babylonians as BLM, Antifa, and the radical right groups. The outcome is destruction and chaos and the exposure of the underlying sinfulness of the society.