



QA: What Is Meant By “Every Kingdom Divided Against Itself Is Brought to Desolation”? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: What did Jesus mean when He said: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation”?

ANSWER: The second wisest man, Solomon, had said: **Proverbs 14:28**:

In a multitude of people is a king's honor, But in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince.

A government unsupported by its people will fall!

While the Israelites were united under Solomon’s God-blessed rule in their Promised Land, the queen of Sheba said:

“Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne to be king for the LORD your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness.” (**2 Chronicles 9:8**)

After Solomon died, their kingdom divided when Rehoboam “did not listen to the people” (**1 Kings 12:15**), then “all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them” (**1 Kings 12:16**), and they killed his tax collector (**1 Kings 12:17-18**). When people see their leaders do not listen to them, they try a different government leader, as Israel did with Jeroboam (**1 Kings 12:25-33**), sometimes with worse consequences!

Government leaders should follow the Word of God (**Deuteronomy 17:18- 20**), because “If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked” (**Proverbs 29:12**). *All rulers who believe in their own sovereignty and power have succumbed to their self-deceit*, because, as Paul said,

There is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (**Romans 13:1**)

Without acknowledging God’s authority the government is corrupt.

Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people. A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days. (**Proverbs 28:15-16**)

Certainly, one should not accept nor be taken in by the rich delicacies offered by the king (**Proverbs 23:1-3**).

A few ways leaders keep their people in line include:

- (1) **murdering their opponents.** Tyrannies and dictatorships always fear the masses, and often seek to annihilate their opposition within their own land: Egyptian Pharaoh and Israelites (**Exodus 1:7-12**); Moslems against Jews, Roman Catholic Inquisitions; Joseph Stalin; Benito Mussolini; Adolph Hitler; Mao Tse-tung; Khmer Rouge; their names are legion, and their victims number in the hundreds of millions.
- (2) **constant propaganda of lies.** Today that includes the constant mantras of "Global Warming," "Evolution," "World Economy," "Carbon Footprints," "Bigger Government Necessity," "Broken Medical System," "Radical Right-wingers," "Crazy Bible-believers," ad nauseum.
- (3) **forced labor** like the Egyptian Pharaoh (**Exodus 1:13-15**); or economic slaves (**Proverbs 22:7**).
- (4) **limiting the population.** Egyptian Pharaoh (**Exodus 1:16-22**-the God-fearing midwives refused to murder innocent born babies!); the genocide of abortion or government-backed "euthanasia;" government-controlled medical care; et al.

Countries ruled by a minority, who do not listen to their majority population, will suffer "downfall."

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