



6. If My People...

You've heard it ... *"If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* That's 2 Chronicles 7:14. Christians have posted that on social media claiming it as God's COVID-19 promise to us ... but it isn't! You might not like me saying that ... but ... it isn't God's promise to America. Extracting a Bible promise out of context isn't meat ... it's not even the pure milk of the Word.

2 Chronicles 7 doesn't apply to us. That promise was made to Israel. It says that if God judged Israel with a drought, locusts, or a plague ... and then they humble themselves, pray, seek Him, repent and

change their wicked behavior in a lasting way, then God would forgive them and heal their land. But, but if they go back to their evil ways, there's a frightening judgment promised in verses 19-22. Read it ... that's part of God's 2 Chronicles 7 promise. You've heard the first part ... why haven't you heard the second part warning? Both parts of that promise are made to Israel. We have no right to claim it or any part of it as our own.

2 Chronicles 7 applies, as it says, to "*God's people who are called by His name.*" The Hebrew word *Israel* has God's name in it. We are not the United States of God. We are the United States of America. Both parts of the 2 Chronicles 7 may apply in some way to us as a principle ... but not as a promise. Don't misappropriate the promises of God.