

Treasure Hunt

- What does generation mean, and not mean, in 11:16?
- What motivates the dancing or mourning of children?
- What motivated John's sobriety and our Lord's joyfulness?
- How does the book of Proverbs reinforce the contrast that our Lord is making?
- What is significant about the cities that the Lord condemns?
- What does it mean to "repent," and how do you know?
- Why does God repent in the OT, but not in the NT?

Generation γενεα

People who live at the same time:

Exod. 1:6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that **generation**.

Matt. 1:17 So all the **generations** from Abraham to David *are* fourteen **generations**; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen **generations**; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ *are* fourteen **generations**.

People with shared values:

Ps. 14:5 There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the **generation** of the righteous.

Ps. 24:6 This *is* the **generation** of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Ps. 73:15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the **generation** of thy children.

Ps. 112:2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the **generation** of the upright shall be blessed.

Generation γενεα in 11:16

People with shared values:

Matt. 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An **evil and adulterous generation** seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: *so vv. 41, 42 are likely used in this same sense*

Matt. 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto **this wicked generation**.

Matt. 16:4 A **wicked and adulterous generation** seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

Matt. 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, O **faithless and perverse generation**, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

Not just the first century:

Matt. 23:29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

Emotions based on Consensus

Example of play-rejoicing:

1 Pet. 4:3 For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 4 Wherein they **think it strange** that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:

Example of play-mourning:

Ezek. 8:14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

Warnings for Wisdom's children:

Prov. 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Pro 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Prov. 29:24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

The Doomed Cities

