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• **A SECULAR HISTORY LESSON**

- Why secular history?
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 - Is. 3:9. _____
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 - He lives in ruins and considers it good. Is. 3:6

 - He lives in constant confusion. Is. 3:12

 - He practices oppression and injustice. Is. 3:15

- **THE MYTH OF EQUALITY**
 - What is the difference between the secular concept of equality and the Biblical command for "Justice?"

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