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2 Chronicles 7:14

Introduction:

Many have used this verse as a call for America believers to repent and turn back to God so He will bless His churches.

Is this an appropriate application this text?

God spoke these words to Solomon at the dedication of the Temple. The “land” referred to is Israel.

When they sinned God would send the plagues mentioned. If they responded by humbling themselves, praying, seeking God’s face and turning from their wicked ways, God would hear from Heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.

Can American believers find any appropriate application from this text?

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God[a] and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,

Scripture here is speaking of the OT
this would include 2 Chronicles rightly interpreted

1 Corinthians 10:11-12 Now these things happened to them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall.

Paul cited examples of rebellion in Israel's history that brought God's punishment
this also serves as a warning to Christians under the new Covenant

Is America Israel? No.

Is God an American? No.

Can warnings and promises to God's people in the OT be applied to Christians today? Absolutely

Regarding 2 Chron. it is appropriate for any believer to obey the spirit of this text by humbling themselves, praying, seeking God's face, turning from wicked ways! God will hear, forgive and heal!

Speaking to a group of 1st century believers Peter said, "Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; (1 Peter 2:10)

today Christians are God's people. They are "called by His name".
therefore we should apply the timeless truths of 2 Chron 7:14!

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we see three requirements for Spiritual Healing that are consistently called for by God throughout Scripture: humility, hunger and holiness.

I. First requirement for Spiritual Healing is Humility

“If My people who are called by My name humble themselves”

Micah 6:8 Mankind, He has told you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.

II. Second requirement for Spiritual Healing is Hunger

“pray and seek My face”

Matthew 5:6 “Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed, for they will be filled.”

III. Third requirement for Spiritual Healing is Holiness

“and turn from their evil ways”