



THE 'TRUMP' OF GOD

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FROM THE BEGINNING of Donald Trump's foray into politics there have been alleged prophecies and speculation that he was hand-picked by God to be President of the United States. Some claim to have had a revelation from God years before that he would become president. Because of his strong stand on behalf of the nation of Israel, more than one person has claimed that he is acting in the role of a latter-day Cyrus, paving the way for the construction of the third temple.

There is no doubt that Donald Trump is a unique person—unlike anyone else who has held the highest office in the most powerful nation on earth. God's Word confirms that He chose Donald Trump for this critical hour in the nation's history:

Let every soul be subject to the higher authorities. For there is no authority but from God. The authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Therefore, whoever opposes the authorities, opposes God's arrangement, and those who oppose shall receive judgment to themselves.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Will you then not be afraid of the authority? Do that which is good, and you will have praise from him, for he is the servant of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid; because he does not bear the sword in vain, for he is the servant of God, an avenger to execute wrath upon him that does evil. (Romans 13:1-4)

Yet if this is true, then Barack Obama's power came from God as well. In truth, we'll find that all authority on earth, whether good or evil in the sight of men, comes from God. And if ancient Israel is an example, we can deduce that, generally, nations receive the governments they deserve.

I say "generally" because superseding a nation's merits or lack thereof, is God's overall plan of redemption. This is why we have seen such a drastic difference between the Obama administration and the Trump administration. Many believers saw Obama's presidency as a judgment on America for having largely turned our backs on Jesus Christ as meaning-

ful in our lives—an increasing number actually despising Him—and for the acceptance of sexual deviancy, abortion, and other overt evils as normal and even to be celebrated. The backslidden condition of so many of America's churches is a further indictment against the nation. Yet there has remained a remnant of true believers coupled with right-thinking moral people who hate the evils that permeate our society. Our prayers may or may not have been the deciding factor in the election of Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton, but knowing the extremely ungodly, leftist ideology of the Democrat/Clinton political machine, we must thank our heavenly Father for sparing us her ascension to power.

But I believe there is something above all this that was the deciding factor in Trump's election—something that has escaped the left-leaning Christians calling for his impeachment; something that has escaped even the Christian right. That something has been hinted at by President Trump's proclamation that the United States now formally recognizes Jerusalem as the true capital of Israel.

Christians on the left have taken the side of the Palestinians, Syria, Iran, Turkey, and other nations opposed to Israel's existence. Christians on the right are hoping for the third temple to be constructed.

Both are in error, but in different ways.

Those on the left do not recognize that the nation of Israel, though most of its citizens are still in unbelief, exists as a prelude to last-days prophecy. Those on the right are de facto denigrating the blood of Christ by desiring a temple wherein blood sacrifices of animals will be performed. Scripture is clear that Christ died once and for all; there are no more sacrifices for sin accepted by the Father:

For the Law, having a shadow of good things to come and not the very image of those things, can never with those sacrifices that they offered year by year make those who come to it continually perfect. For would they then not have ceased to be offered because the worshippers, once purged, would have had no more conscience of sins?

But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year because it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Therefore, when He comes into the world He says, "Sacrifice and offering you would not, but You have prepared a body for Me. You have had no pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin. Then I said, 'Lo, I come to do Your will, O God (in the volume of the book it is written of Me).'"

Above, when He said, “Sacrifice and offering, and burnt offerings, and offering for sin You would not, nor had pleasure in them that are offered by the Law,” then He said, “Lo, I come to do Your will, O God,” He takes away the first so that He may establish the second, by which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And every priest stands daily often ministering and offering the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God, from now on expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified, of which the Holy Spirit is also a witness to us. For after He had said before, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,” says the Lord, “I will put My laws into their hearts and I will write them in their minds, and I will no longer remember their sins and iniquities.”

Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. (Hebrews 10:1-18)

If, then, there can no longer be any sacrifices made for sin, why would Christians want to see such sacrifices reinstated? And why would God Himself move to construct a temple for such sacrifices during this age?

Alleged Bible scholars point to Ezekiel’s prophecies of a third temple as proof that such a temple will be built. But they err by assigning it to the present age. The full context of Ezekiel’s temple prophecy is for the Millennial Kingdom under Messiah’s reign, not for this Time for the Gentiles. Jesus Himself will build the temple—no one else:

And speak to him [Joshua], saying, “Thus says YHWH of hosts, saying, ‘Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH [Yeshua (Jesus)], and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of YHWH.

He shall build the temple of YHWH, and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne, and He shall be a priest upon His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of YHWH.

And they who are far off [in the distant future] shall come and build in the temple of YHWH, and you shall know that YHWH of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass if you will diligently obey the voice of YHWH your God. (Zechariah 6:12-15)

Helem, Tobijah, and Jedaiah will be resurrected to serve in the Millennial Temple under Yeshua. So this prophecy is not for this age; it is for the Millennial Kingdom which will be ruled by the Son of God.

Yet President Trump’s proclamation recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital does have prophetic significance—a significance that has for the first time caused excitement in my own heart at the prospect of what this portends.

I do not look forward to a temple being built; if something called a temple is built, it won’t be a place for legitimate sacrifices that would supersede the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. What I do look forward to is Israel itself claiming Jerusalem as its capital and establishing it as such, followed by a large influx of Jews into the city. The sparks are already flying over Trump’s proclamation; serious calls for war will follow Israel’s proclamation that Jerusalem is its capital city, especially when the Jews begin to exert some serious control.

This could mean that we are very close to the revelation of the man of sin which, in turn, would mean that we are close to the Lord’s return to receive His saints. For these things to happen, the Jews must have a large presence in Jerusalem and be in significant control of the city. When they are, anti-Christ will in his fury gather certain nations to wage war against Israel, driving the Jews out of the city during the three-and-one-half year period called “Jacob’s Trouble.”

Currently dominion over Jerusalem is claimed by Roman Catholicism and by Islam separately. Both consider each other as interlopers but have historically hated the Jews above all. They hold an uneasy peace between themselves in opposition to the Jews. Might this be the perfect setup for the anti-Christ (political) and the false prophet (religious) to form a pact between themselves against the Jews? Certainly all Muslims are anti-Christ, and the pope is a false prophet.

At this point I confess to conjecture. But it’s a conjecture I’ve held for many decades.

As the last-days scenario develops, do not look forward to a “peace pact” between anti-Christ and the Jews, which is one of the central tenets of dispensational eschatology. The prophecy of the prince to come who would confirm the covenant (Daniel 9:27) was fulfilled in Vespasian when he first approached Jerusalem in February, AD 67. He offered the Jews full sovereignty and the right to worship without interference provided they paid tribute to Caesar. They rebelled against him, and exactly three-and-one-half years later, in August, AD 70, the Romans prevailed and destroyed the temple, taking away the sacrifices in the middle of the “week.” Prophetically, the seventh “week” of Daniel’s prophecy regarding these things has been interrupted by the Time for the Gentiles. The prophecy will see its complete fulfillment with the Lord returning to the earth at the end of the last-days Jacob’s Trouble. (Prophetic chronology isn’t the same as historical chronology; gaps in time are common.)

Space doesn’t allow for more detailed accounts of all that will take place. Those interested may read of it in my book, *The Day of Yahweh* available through SwordPublishers.com.

Suffice it to say for now, that the current president of the United States may indeed be the “Trump” or Herald of God as He works in these last days. ❖