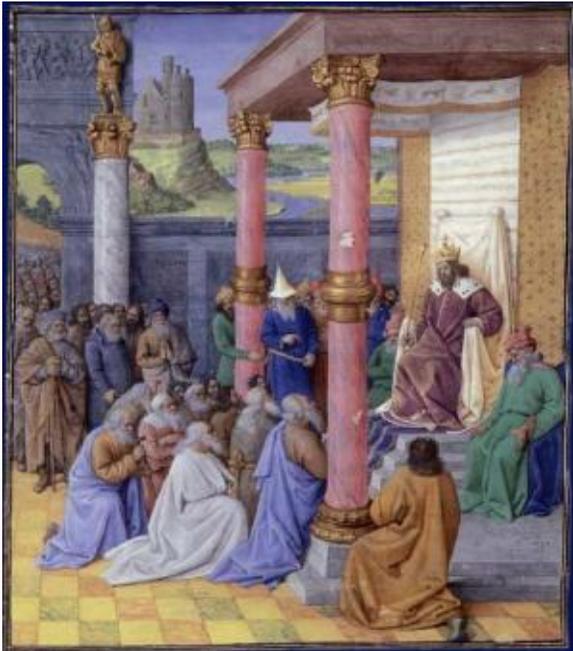


HAS GOD RAISED UP A KING CYRUS?

By pastor Mike Taylor



1“He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” (Proverbs 29:1-2)

I don't know about you, but the last several months have been a roller coaster of emotions, fears, and me deciding to put the matter into God's hands. The election is finally over and whether your candidate won or not, we as a nation have enormous problems that will not go away anytime soon.

The last 8 years have seen an administration that has pulled this nation down a wide path of moral depravity. This POTUS, (I will NOT say his name) has so divided this country along racial, gender, economic, and political lines drawn in the sand to such an extent that the country I grew up in, played in, and worked in has changed to a near unrecognizable image of its former glory and stature in the world and at home.

As I take a long, slow breath, I thank God for His mercy and grace that did not allow the single most criminal, flawed, and divisive candidate to ever run for the highest office in the land and leader of the free world that did not win the trust and the winning votes of the American people. On this day after the most important election of our times, second only to the last two that went the wrong way for the continued success of this experiment called the United States of America, I take a long look at where we have arrived and where possibly, we might be headed.

WHAT CAN WE HOPE FOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

Know this, my friend, this is no mere man that can solve the problems that has taken so many years in slow increments to come to a near boiling point, and find a solution to our collective national problems.

Now a man who has the corporate and business experience of a Donald Trump may point the nation in the right direction for our economic recovery and as he likes to say “Make America Great Again”. Realize that this man has huge problems to tackle in his first 100 days in office, let alone for the next four years. It will take more than human intervention to aright this sinking ship of state. What this nation needs is a deep, spiritual revival to restore the God centered institutions that were laid by our founding fathers after and during the American Revolution. America needs to be on her knees crying out to God for mercy for the sins of this nation which has been in rebellion against God for the last 50+ years and even more so in the last 8 years.

One thing I believe is probable here, is that a Trump administration could...I say COULD slow the decline of this nation into the abyss of destruction and becoming either a One World Government participant in the near future, or becoming a third world banana republic with no influence in the world affairs that affect human kind. I truly believe that his opponent, I believe would have “put the pedal the metal” for our complete down-fall or brought on a larger conflict with the rising power and our chief nemesis, the Russian bear. Our social, political and foreign policy programs would have been a continuation of the present administration, but doubling down on the proverbial psychedelic high of a Clinton presidency.

Right now, the liberal left is in full panic mode and reacting as you would expect, like total children who just lost their rubber ball to the bully on the block. I read about protest and rioting on the west coast and threats on Twitter of taking the law into their own hands and advocating the assassination of the newly elected President of the United States. The rule of law has taken a detour in the last few years and lawlessness abounds.

I find it amazing that they can't see, that in prior elections half of the country elected the “usurper in chief” the community organizer that had virtually no experience in running any government outside of Chicago slums. But they are swift to condemn this election when the results are not to their left leaning agenda of political correctness and what seems right in the minds of mortal men who find pleasure in unrighteousness. Paul described our world that we live in nearly 2000 years ago, some 40 years after the Lord Jesus ascended to heaven in front of His apostles.

18 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” (Romans 1:18-21)

I have preached for some time the demise and complete destruction of this country, as I see it going from bad to worse in our generation. Men have become just what Paul expressed in the above verses in Romans. The debauchery that has called evil good and good evil is in front of the nation's eyes every day. We have succumbed to the left with it's abortion rights and the killing of millions of innocent lives without end for the last 50 years. We have given legitimacy to homosexual relations within the bonds of Holy Matrimony which in God's eyes is an abomination. We have allowed terrorism in this world and entering into our nation to grow and fester to the point that no one is safe in their own home. And the national ills keep growing as we have, as a nation, turned our back on God and our leaders are immoral and set the tone of the morality of the nation.

23 “And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (Romans 1:23-28)

That is our country. That is our collective sins before God and it goes even deeper...We need some national day of mourning and repentance and turning toward the God of heaven and weeping in sack cloth and ashes, just as Ninevah did during the time of Jonah. Who can God use to bring this nation out of the moral fog we have drifted into? Will God throw us a lifeline and bring us to repentance?

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Thus we have a complete outsider that in the beginning, I feared had no chance of winning anything past the beginning primaries. As an aggressive, even bombastic man slowly whittled the pack of contenders down where he was the last man standing I will admit, I had reservations about the man's qualifications, but I knew he was a success in just about everything he did, and as he has always said “we have so many problems, what do you have to lose?”

HAS GOD RAISED UP A MODERN DAY JEHU OR A KING CYRUS?

In 1st Kings 19, the Bible tells a story of Elijah who was running from Jezebel and King Ahab who wished to kill him for what God had done to the priest of Ba'al by showing them servants of a false god, and their subsequent destruction. If you read the passage, Elijah is distraught that there is none to proclaim God to the nations, that only he was left and they were trying to kill him, too. What did God say? Elijah was expected something powerful, like

He knew God was as he had witnessed fire coming down from heaven to burn the sacrifice before the Ba'al priest including the stones, and lapped up water in the trough built around it, but it came not in an earthquake, or strong wind or in a burning fire - and we have seen plenty of those lately -but it came through the still small voice. And the message of that voice to God's servant was:

"Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." (1 Kings 19:15-18)

So I have been praying for Jehu-like political leaders to be raised and anointed by God at this very late hour and spiritual leaders of the caliber of Elisha who are willing for God and the nation sake to go for broke like Queen Esther was when she was willing to act politically incorrect when she said: *"so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"* (Esther 4:16)

Much of what we have seen is so mediocre and politically correct that real change is but a fleeting political promise that is quickly forgotten when the election is over. Concerning what God did when Elijah anointed Jehu, king of Israel, that he came and disposed of Queen Jezebel by having her thrown off a high balcony and the dogs ate her flesh. Then he rid the nation of all the sons of the despotic and evil King Ahab, thus ridding the nation of the abomination of Jezebel and Ahab the King. Yes, I realize that the answer to the problems of remedy for Israel's problems is extreme for our time. But God will not tolerate evil in the land for an indefinite period. He is patient and long suffering, but when His judgment comes, it comes swiftly and with Divine retribution and judgment for the sins of the people who are in rebellion against Him.

Oh, how it is needed today to find and anoint men like Jehu and Elisha, both in the political arena as well as in the spiritual arena who under the mighty anointing of the Lord are willing to do whatever it takes under that anointing to see the will of the Lord triumph in the affairs of men.

Is Donald Trump this hour's King Jehu or a King Cyrus?

Based on this story of Elijah at Horeb when he felt there was no more hope for his Jezebel, Ahab run nation and sighed: 'Let me die', the Lord impressed on me that as then, also now in relation to the US, He needed a Jehu-like leader to be anointed and a Elijah-like prophet like Elisha became. In other words His answer to the desperate situation in the land was a strong fierce leadership, both in the political as well as the spiritual dimensions.

The reason that there was hope in Israel in the time of King Jehu, was that there still was 7000 men who had not bowed the knee to Ba'al. This can also be said for the intercessors who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb of God, who have stood in true intercession for the United States of America. I have been so distraught and resigned that judgment has come to America and we will see her decline into the pit of hell.

But as we watched the aforementioned candidates drop off one by one, and Donald Trump was left standing alone, I felt God may be preparing a modern day Jehu to bring America back to her foundational principles of God, country, family and allegiance to all in that order.

I would like to share with you an article I just read in a column written in Charisma magazine:
"Jeremiah Johnson of "Behold the Man Ministries" in Lakeland, Florida, said he was praying several weeks ago "when God began to speak to me concerning the destiny of Donald Trump in America:"

The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "Trump shall become My trumpet to the American people, for he possesses qualities that are even hard to find in My people these days. Trump does not fear man nor will he allow deception and lies to go unnoticed. I am going to use him to expose darkness and perversion in America like never before, but you must understand that he is like a bull in a china closet.

Many will want to throw him away because he will disturb their sense of peace and tranquility, but you must listen through the bantering to discover the truth that I will speak through him. I will use the wealth that I have

given him to expose and launch investigations searching for the truth. Just as I raised up Cyrus to fulfill My purposes and plans, so have I raised up Trump to fulfill my purposes and plans prior to the 2016 election.

You must listen to the trumpet very closely for he will sound the alarm and many will be blessed because of his compassion and mercy. Though many see the outward pride and arrogance, I have given him the tender heart of a father that wants to lend a helping hand to the poor and the needy, to the foreigner and the stranger."

Johnson cited the specific Old Testament example of God personally selecting the non-believing, pagan King Cyrus to work on His behalf, as recounted in the 45th chapter of the Book of Isaiah.

1”Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.” (Isaiah 45:1-3)

Not only may Donald Trump be a Jehu whom God will use to finish much of the corruption which has been the hallmark of the Obama-Clinton administrations in America and thus "drain the swamp" but he will also become a great, great friend of Israel, a modern day Cyrus who was God's anointed one to help and back Israel in days past even to build the temple unto the Lord in Jerusalem. As God's word in chapter 45 in Isaiah so clearly indicates

4”For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

5I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

6That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

7I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.” (Isaiah 45:4-7)

I believe we will see political judgment come upon our modern day Jezebel and Ahab, the Clinton dynasty. Remember, Trump said if elected he will appoint a special prosecutor to investigate all the inside dealings and criminal activity associated with the Clinton Foundation. My friend, it will be a purging of the American political landscape and many will be found to be enemies of the United States and enemies of our most trusted ally in the Middle East, the nation of Israel.

And despite UNESCO and its stupid edict that Israel has no connection with the Temple Mount, Donald Trump will reaffirm this link publicly by moving the United States Embassy for the first time from Tel Aviv to Israel's true and biblical capital: Jerusalem and back Israel's desire to reconstitute prayer and worship for all nations on God's holy hill when Israel is ready to begin preparations to build the beautiful, Messianic Temple of God's holy hill as described by the prophet Ezekiel in the chapters 40-48!

I can imagine what you're thinking: “That is exactly what the Anti-Christ will do” Yes, the ultimate man of sin, the man of perdition will indeed give Israel the right to build a Temple in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount. No, I don't believe that Trump is the prophesied Anti-Christ. What he will be is a facilitator of Israel's right to exist and give her the ability to continue in prosperity and be her defender. This will obviously lead to a time of great political intrigue in the land of Israel.

What I pray is that God will give the man we know as Donald Trump the wisdom of Solomon to govern in righteousness and justice for all people of this land. The coming AC will be so charismatic that he will swoon the people with soft words and a lying tongue. At the moment, Donald Trump is hated by half the nation, and the world is fearful of what his foreign policy positions will be. I pray that his actions will galvanize the American people to know that the man is a lover of the USA and the American people. The Anti-Christ will have no such limitations. What I pray for is that God will give us a time of a reprieve from judgment. A temporary time that we will have a chance to reach many more people for the Kingdom of God and bring more people to the saving

knowledge of Jesus Christ. We have “God willing” four to eight years to increase the entrance of many more souls into the coming removal of the church from this earth known as the “rapture”. If it be in the next 8 years, know that many people in government will vanish, just as common folks will. It is reported that Trump and Mike Pence are both born again Christians. If they would suddenly vanish with millions of other souls, would it not be a total chaos in the United States and around the world, even in Israel? The world will need, they will clamor for a man to bring tranquility back to the nations which has been turned upside down. So sets the stage for the coming Anti-Christ. WE may see many changing things in the political landscape in the near future, we may not. And I may be all wet in this assessment, but I have seen God's hand moving in our political landscape and the alignment of world powers. The rise of a well known, but political outsider to the highest office in the land at near insurmountable odds, can only be the hand of God, as people said the man, Donald Trump had no chance...

But here he is folks, the next POTUS was elected last Tuesday night. We live in very exciting times and the end of the world as we know it, got a little extension as the end of the age grows ever closer. Let us spread the Gospel to all men and women who need the salvation found only in our Lord Jesus Christ, before this short reprieve ends and we see another administration that won't be in the best interest of the United States of America. I have postulated that the coming Anti-Christ would have to be the leader of the strongest nation on earth with Babylon being the center of all commerce and trade, and for the last 150 years, that place has only been New York City...will the USA and it's leader become the beast power, or will we be reduced to rubble in the coming future?. God only knows and I make no predictions, but just give you the facts found in your bible, and let God reveal to you what will be based on the signs of the times....

“For God so love the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

God sent not His Son to condemn the world, but that the world through Him, might be saved” (John 3:16-17).

This is pastor Mike Taylor praying for you, our country, and the world we live in. If you need counseling, prayer, or just a listening ear, email me at realteam1999@sbcglobal.net . God bless you all.

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