The Bible and The 2026 Election: Opinion Piece

Since the national election I have been asked to comment about the results of November 3rd. Well, I have not really said very much with respect to winners and losers. Rather I stress a few thoughts from a biblical standpoint on how to view any election, especially in light of us perhaps living in the latter days of church history.

So I thought I would pass my answers on to you as something to think about. My answers are based upon four Bible passages and the principles found in them.

Principle #1 - Daniel 2:20-22:

> *20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: 21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.*

My first principle is that God chooses the leaders who are to govern and be used by Him to achieve His purpose and plan for earth's history that will culminate with the 1000-year earthly kingdom rule of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I recognize government leadership changes are overseen by God and not by people or circumstances. I may or may not like the people who win an election, but I will accept them in their respective offices:

> *1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;* 1 Timothy 2:1 - 3

As I study history, I have seen good and evil people rise to power in our country, some very evil and some truly good who were believers as well. We must never forget that humans, as well as angels, are really God's instruments to serve Him. A few examples include Moses, the Archangel Michael, Paul the Apostle, Judas, General Titus, Satan, and others.

The bottom line is that God chooses those who He will use as His servants to further the movement of a country as well as the world toward His goal of establishing the final 1000-year Millennial rule of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Those used by Him may or may not acknowledge Him now, but one day all will acknowledge our Lord,

> *10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* Philippians 2:10, 11

Thankfully, history shows us that God never allows those in power to go beyond certain limits and will hold them accountable either by stopping them or replacing them according to His will. For example, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Herod, the Caesars of Rome, and that includes angels such as Satan who has limitations set by God as seen in Job 1:12.

Additionally, a reading of the prophecies of the nations found in Daniel 2 and 7 clearly demonstrate God's control of history as these prophecies have been fulfilled and will continue to be fulfilled exactly as Daniel related.
Therefore, I believe that by studying biblical prophecy in depth, one can understand God's plan and purpose of history, and through that study, have a greater understanding of God's methods, ways, and wisdom in bringing His plan to fulfillment.

Principle #2 - Genesis 12:1-3:

> *[1] Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: [2] And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: [3] And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Principle #2 is that God will bless those leaders, nations, and peoples who bless the nation of Israel and its Jewish people. By contrast, He will "curse" those who curse Jews and the nation of Israel.
To curse is not merely to say a bad word against someone, rather it is God's judgment placed upon a person or nation as a consequence of their actions contrary to God's ways. This judgment takes the form of hardship, separation, destruction, or death. I believe this principle could well apply to our recent election results. In order to understand this, we first must understand this passage.
Some 4000 years ago, God chose a man named Abraham to be part of His plan and purpose of history. To enable him to do that, God gave him four unconditional promises that ultimately affect each person living throughout history. Those promises included

(1) making a great nation founded by him, the nation of Israel,
(2) blessing Abraham personally,
(3) making his name remembered throughout history, and
(4) through him, God would bless all the people of the world.

This last promise has spanned time through Abraham's descendants: Isaac, Jacob and his sons who formed the nation of Israel trough which the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
That blessing to the world is the Lord Jesus Christ Who offered His life as a substitute for all people of history by dying on the Cross and taking upon Himself their sins:

> *For <u>all have sinned</u>, and come short of the glory of God;* Romans 3:23.

When an individual sins, they must pay for their sins eternally:

> *For the <u>wages of sin</u> is death* (spiritual separation from God); *but <u>the gift</u> of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Romans 6:23.

Because of Christ's payment of our sins, our gracious God offers eternal life with Him:

> *[16] For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that <u>whosoever</u> believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [17] For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.* John 3:16, 17

All that the individual must do is to accept His gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ to experience this ultimate of blessing. But for those rejecting God's gift, there is eternal separation from God in the lake of fire (John 3:39).

> *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:* John 1:12

An additional blessing coming through Abraham and Israel, is that God used Jewish men to record His words in the Bible, enabling all to understand salvation and God's plan and purpose of history for the world.

Therefore this promise of Genesis 12:3, blessings and curses, is applicable to all people of the world with respect to their actions toward the people and nation of Israel.

> *I will bless them that bless thee* [the Jewish people]*, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

I believe this principle extends beyond individuals to leaders governing people. God can either grant success or failure based upon that leader's treatment of Israel and its people.

With respect to elections, one example is sufficient to show that a leader determines God's blessing or cursing upon a nation.

In 1943, Senator Harry Truman announced his support for a homeland for the Jew people who would survive the Nazi regime of World War II. In 1944, the surprisingly insignificant Harry Truman was elected to be Vice-President of the United States. On April 12, 1945, just 82 days after being sworn in as Vice-President, he became President of the United States following the death of President Franklin D Roosevelt.

Most history books focus upon Truman's action of using the nuclear bomb to end World War II and upon his subsequent help to Europe in the Marshall Plan, which was entirely Truman's idea. Other policies were not popularly liked by many in the United States. By the coming Presidential election of 1948, Truman's popularity was at an all time low of 36%. His wife was already making plans for them to move back to Missouri after he lost the election.

A less known action taken by Truman, but significantly more far reaching, was taken on May 14, 1948, 6 months before the election. On that day, the modern nation of Israel was born. All the President's advisors, friend and foe, urged him not to recognize Israel as a nation as it would be political suicide for his presidential er-election. But Truman knew Principle #2, Genesis 12:3. Eleven minutes after Israel was declared to be an independent nation of the world, President Harry Truman and the United States became the first nation of the world to formally and fully recognize and support Israel as a nation.

Six months later, during his campaign for re-election, polls and surveys were stopped because it seemed a waste of money to gather data, for all were certain of Truman's defeat. You may have heard the story of the Chicago Tribune's headline that was published before the results had been counted declaring Republican Thomas Dewy president. To all and the media's surprise, when the vote was counted, Truman easily won. Why? By consistently blessing Israel, God fooled all pundits and Truman was blessed with four more years as President, and the United States entered two decades of prosperity.

Further, I believe the fulfillment of God's promise of Ezekiel 11:17 began, in part, as a result of Truman's decision and the support of the United States.

> *Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.*

I believe our recent election offers us a similar example of the principle of Genesis 12:3.

Sadly, that similarity has a sad aspect for our nation. I have observed since February of this year that our President and his administration have progressively reduced its public support of Israel and President Netanyahu's leadership. Clearly, the Lord has blessed the administration and our nation during the last two years during which its support of Israel was paramount, including the attack against Iran to protect Israel.

Perhaps Genesis 12:3 has now taken that blessing away from the administration through the one sided victory of the Democratic party and replaced it with a potentially significant loss of influence and power for the remaining two years of the President's administration. It appears that the administration's focus will now be upon domestic policy and defending its actions rather than caring about Israel's wellbeing.

Be careful, I do not believe this was God's blessing upon the Democratic candidates promoting ungodly lifestyles, etc., but rather a message to the administration and the citizens of the United States that one's position toward Israel and its people is of prime importance to God. Note carefully, that position does not have to always agree with everything Israel does, but it should never hurt Israel. Therefore, I continue to pray for and support the nation of Israel and its people.

In the days ahead I believe our nation's failing to follow Principle #2 could create some difficult days ahead. For this reason, I believe Principle #3 is important.

Principle #3 – Hosea 3:4, 5:

> *4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: 5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.* Hosea 3:4, 5

Principle #3 is that God is using significant means or methods to gather the Jewish people back to the land of Israel.

Several years ago, my son-in-law and daughter took my wife and me to view the famous record-breaking ocean passenger liner, the "United States." In its heyday it was the grandest passenger ocean liner afloat. It set the record for an Atlantic crossing. Kings, presidents, and many famous people traveled the ocean on it in the 1950's. For many it symbolized the greatest decade in American modern history. Last Thursday, November 12, just days after our national election, this grand ship, after years of decay and idleness was taken to the Florida coast and sunk to become an artificial barrier reef. Her bow with the name, "United States" was last to be seen as she sank to the ocean floor.

Sadly, I see a similar process developing for our country based upon Principle #1 and #2 above. I seriously began studying biblical prophecy back in 1975 just as our country was beginning celebrations of the 200th anniversary of our country. One of the first things I did was to see if I could find the United

States in prophecy. Now over 50 years later, I continue to believe the answer is “no” and therefore, the United States must diminish as a world influence. Many political annalists point out the historically devastating effects of socialism to a country and fear for ours in the days ahead. My analysis indicates that this could be the growing outcome of violating Principles #1 and 2. In addition, two growing clearly indicate that we are, indeed, in the latter days of the Church-Age.

Like an artificial barrier reef, our country is still being used by God, but now it is to be a means of bringing the Jewish people back to their in fulfillment of prophecy.

These two trends are:

1) the growing anti-Israel and antisemitism throughout the world and the United States.
2) the failure of true churches to be “salt and light” in a dark world.

For several years my wife and I lived in the United Kingdom, We have concluded that spiritual and cultural trends in Europe eventually influence events in the US. Over recent weeks there have been several “protests” in 12 countries that were reported as students anger over schools and the cost of living. Upon closer examination, however, only 20% (approximately) of the protestors were students. The fires, looting, and attacks in France were focused upon Jewish businesses. Those arrested were released within two days and prosecution is doubtful.

Crossing the ocean we find that a large number of people protested against Israel and Jews in Philadelphia recently. This was led by a group called Philly Bike On Your Left. Their protest and boycott centered upon six Jewish owned restaurants and business. The date for the protest was chosen to send a message to all Jews that the time for persecution in the United States has come.

The date was the 88th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the “night of broken glass,” a time of terror in Nazi Germany. On the night of November 9-10, 1938, “Jewish homes, hospitals and schools were ransacked as attackers demolished buildings with sledgehammers. Rioters destroyed over 1,400 synagogues and prayer rooms throughout Germany, Austria, and the Sudetenland. Over 7,000 Jewish businesses were damaged or destroyed, and 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and incarcerated in concentration camps.”[1]

Statistics in Europe and the US indicate that attacks upon Jewish people have been increasing at an alarming rate in the last 3 years. The campaign rhetoric of our last election included several strong statements against Israel and Jewish people. Many of these candidates won.

Many are asking, “why the Jews and not other ethnic groups?” Statistically the world’s Jewish population is approximately 16 million. Jews represent less than 0.19% of the world’s 8.3 billion people. The 16 million Jews live predominantly in two countries, Israel – 8 million and the United States – 6.3 million. That means less than 2 million Jews live in the rest of the world. Historically, the US has always been seen as a protected island from the rest of the world’s assaults against the Jewish people.

Many in the Jewish communities are concerned that if the United States becomes strongly antisemitic, there will only be one place of sanctuary for them, Israel. In Ezekiel 36:2 God says that in the latter days:

1 “Kristallnacht” Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kristallnacht retrieved 11/10/26.

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> *...I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.* Ezekiel 36:2

Notice, contextually, this verse is part of Ezekiel's message that includes the Battle of Gog-Magog (see below). Could the results of this last election add to the pressure for American Jews to return to Israel? In this verse we learn that it is God Who will bring them back to the land of Israel. God could well be allowing conditions in the United States to draw Jews back to their land.

What should be the attitude of true believers about this? Should they join in antisemitism to "help" God draw them back? Of course not, yet this is exactly what is happening in many churches throughout the United States.

Sadly, owing to Reformed Theology (Calvinism), churches are following the path of rejecting Jews and Israel. Calvinism's approach to prophecy has always regarded God's promises to Israel as negated because of Israel's rejection of Jesus Christ as Messiah. But as I explained earlier, all people's sin is responsible for the Lord's death upon the Cross, not just the sins Jewish people.

Reformed/Calvinism teaches that when God destroyed Israel's Temple and country in AD 70 He was forever done with them and replaced Israel with the church. Based upon this view, many churches consciously or unconsciously teach anti-Israel and antisemitism. While this is certainly a wrong understanding, as any careful study of biblical prophecy shows, the growth of this view reflects a general decline in churches following true Scriptural teaching. As the Reformed/Calvinist view has swept through the US and the world. In the last decade, evangelism and missions also have declined as a result. Sadly, many Christians are becoming more like the world in their spiritual, political, and personal lives.

Aside from the obvious morally wrong attitude of antisemitism, there is a significant biblical reason why it is wrong to persecute Jews that many Christians do not understand: The Bible teaches that before the Lord Jesus Christ returns to the earth to rule and reign in the Millennial Kingdom, Israel will meet two conditions of God:

(1) Israel must repent of the nation's sin of turning from God and His ways (Acts 3:19) and
(2) cry out for the Lord Jesus as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10).

In response, God will then send God the Son back to the earth to rescue His beloved nation (Acts 3:20). Notice carefully, Christ's return is contingent on the Jewish nation of Israel. Currently, Satan is the ruler upon the earth and obviously wants to maintain his position. The only way he can prevent the Lord from coming is to prevent Israel's people from meeting God's two conditions for the return of Christ.

Ever since the Garden, Satan has tried to prevent the first coming of the Lord by killing those in the line of people that would give birth to the Messiah. Once the Lord was born, Satan tried to kill the babies by killing all Jewish children 2 years and younger in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:16).

Ever since the Lord's resurrection, Satan has been trying to eliminate all Jews so they cannot fulfill the two conditions for Christ's return. Therefore, the history of pogroms, holocaust, etc. has been Satan's attempts to destroy Jews. The current strategy is to destroy the nation of Israel and to destroy every

living Jew. Hence, anyone persecuting the Jews or seeking the end of Israel are helping Satan retain his kingdom.

Satan and humans who follow his lead, are delighted to see the Jews outside Israel returning to Israel, for it is easier to destroy masses of people if they are concentrated in a single location. But God is allowing all efforts to draw Jews back to Israel and we know from the end of the Bible, Revelation, that God will destroy Satan and bless the nation of Israel.

Besides fighting antisemitism, the church is failing to challenge those individuals and leaders who are causing greater moral and spiritual decline in the US. Recall that believers are to be "salt and light" in a dark world by leading souls to the Savior andd teaching God's word – including prophecy.

> *13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

I believe that Christians and churches are failing to do this. Few churches have Bible conferences or teach prophecy anymore. It is time we do our task and redeem the time. Believers must be taught God's Word to understand His plan and purpose of history.

Perhaps, one of the reasons the church will be removed at the Rapture is owing to its failure (Romans 11:13-24). The United States's morality or life style is becoming more ungodly by the day and it is creeeping into the church.

Principle #4 - Ezekiel 38:1-23 and 39:

> *5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee….against the mountains of Israel,...10 and thou shalt think an evil thought:...12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey;* Ezekiel 38:5-12

A number of political commentators, including the Vice President of the United States, believe that the Republicans lost the election because of the war against Iran and that Iran has won. Further, they believe it was only fought to protect Israel and not also for the good of the United States. I believe in this we find Principle #4, no so much a Principle but as an application of Principles #1, #2, and #3.

Keeping this in mind, Principle #4 is that God has a future plan for Iran (called Persia in the Bible) that will demonstrate God's control of nations and will protect the nation of Israel. That Plan is outlined in Ezekiel 36 – 39.

To understand this I would state my presuppositions. **First** of all, any person can know God's plan for history when they do an in-depth study of biblical prophecy following the proper rules for interpretation, ie. read a prophecy in its normal sense; follow the rules of grammatical analysis; and study the historical environment that the first readers of the passage understood. **Secondly**, allow that understanding to guide your decisions with respect to policy if you are a leader.

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I have listened to some secular annalists that hold to some of the same conclusions that I hold with respect to our actions taken against Iran.

I believe that the President began the war to protect Israel and other Middle Eastern nations from a nuclear attack from Iran. His goal was to make Iran a powerless and insignificant nation. This act certainly applied Principle #1 above by blessing Israel. So why, apparently, has it failed to achieve its full goal of rendering Iran a powerless nation?

In order to answer this, we need to apply Principle #4 by studying a prophecy related to Iran, called "Persia" in our Bible. Historically, Iran was the central power of the ancient Persian Empire. In the book of Daniel and Ezekiel, God spoke of Israel, Iran, Russia, Turkey, and Libya as important nations in the latter days prior to the start of the 7-year Tribulaton.

Specifically, in Ezekiel 38:5 we see Iran (Persia) arming itself for war, along with several other nations that are planning to attack the mountains of Israel. In verse 3 we see that Russian leadership, under the ancient designation of Magog, Meshech, and Tubal, will be drawn by God (v.4) to plan this evil thought (v. 10) by uniting an army of allied nations. These powers are seeking to drive the Israelis into the sea and destroy the nation as they take spoil and prey. This is the same goal of many of the protests around the world.

As I have explained in my video (https://www.cmi-tv.net/gog-magog-series-videos-1-1.html) God will destroy Russia and its primarily Islamic army of nations in one day (Principle #1) in such a way that the world recognizes that it was a supernatural destruction by the living God of the Bible (Ezekiel 38:23) and not just "bad luck."

From this I conclude that regardless of our negotiations with Iran or the change in political leaders in our nation, Iran never will agree to disarm. It will be allowed to become a major power and a threat to Israel, for this is part of God's plan of history.

Recognizing this, I believe the current actions of the administration and those who are newly elected will only play down any further actions opposing Iran. Also, I believe that the new Congressional makeup will increasingly align with Islamic goals for the Middle East and the world. As we observe this happening, we need to take comfort that God is controlling events.

Biblically, it can be shown that this future battle, called the Battle of Gog-Magog, will set the stage and precede the 7-year Tribulation of Daniel 9. According to Daniel 9:27:

> *And he* [the Antichrist] *shall confirm the covenant with many* [leadership of Israel] *for one week* [prophetic week = 7 years]*: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation* [2nd coming of the Lord], *and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

With the supernatural defeat of Iran and its allies, the world through its diplomat, the Antichrist, will grant Israel permission to begin worshiping and sacrificing on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Israel will begin construction of the 3rd Temple. This covenant or agreement will start the "clock" ticking for the 7 years of the Tribulation.

The two-fold purpose of the Tribulation is for (1) God's wrath to come upon the rejectors of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and (2) to bring secular Israel back to worship and a relationship with God Himself.

Final Thoughts

Therefore, based upon these four principles, I believe that this last election is one more step God is using to set the stage for the catching up of the church (the Rapture) and the start of the Tribulation. Based upon the Scriptures and the trustworthiness of God I can rest, knowing that God is in control of the world and that if we have accepted God's gift of eternal life, we are in His hands and can trust His wisdom and purposes, regardless of who is in the government. But at the same time, we also should be praying that true believers exert the salt and light of the Gospel and redeem the days until He takes us home.

These are indeed sobering thoughts to contemplate, but I hope that this analysis of our recent election and the condition of our nation and the world will edify and encourage those who have "*ears to hear,*" for it is always darkest just before the dawn. If you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior take comfort in God's word in 1 Thessalonians 5:2-11.

> *[2] For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. [3] For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. [4] But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. [5] Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. [6] Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. [7] For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. [8] But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. [9] For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. [11] Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

May the Lord bless you.