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“Election 2016”

“Daniel answered and said: ‘Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings...’” (Daniel 2:20-21)

A Little Context

Isaiah 40:22-24 – (22) “It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; (23) who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. (24) Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.”

Geopolitical Philosophy

Psalms 2:1-4 – (1) “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, (3) ‘Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.’ (4) He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.”

Jesus’ Political Perspective

Luke 9:9 – “Herod said, ‘John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?’ And he sought to see him.”

Luke 13:31-32 – (31) “At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ (32) And he said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.’”

Luke 23:8, 11-12 – (8) “When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. (11) And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. (12) And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.”

John 19:10-11 – (10) “So Pilate said to him, ‘You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?’ (11) Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.’”

What is My Motivation: Participation or Transformation?

Participation

Corinthians 7:29-31 – (29) “This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, (30) and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, (31) and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 – “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Transformation

Corinthians 3:17-18 – (17) “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (18) And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

The President

Revelation 1:5 – “...Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth...”