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"Election 20"

"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)

Anti-Christ Geopolitics

<u>Psalm 2:1-4</u> – (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) <u>He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision</u>."

Grasshoppers Groping for Power

Isaiah 40:22-24 – (22) "It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its <u>inhabitants</u> <u>are like grasshoppers</u>; 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) <u>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."</u>

Institutional Corruption

Ecclesiastes 5:8-9 – (8) "If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. (9) The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields." (NIV)

Jesus' Political Perspective

<u>Matthew 20:25-26</u> – (25) "But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. (26) It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,"

<u>Matthew 22:17-21</u> – (17) "'Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' (18) But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? (19) Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. (20) And

Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' (21) They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'"

<u>John 18:36</u> – "Jesus answered, '<u>My kingdom is not of this world</u>. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.""

Don't Get Caught Up in the Madness

Isaiah 8:11-13 – (11) "For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: (12) 'Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. (13) But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread."

Pray, Participate, and leave it at that

<u>1 Corinthians 10:31</u> – "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

What is My Motivation: Participation or Transformation?

The Election that Really Matters is Over

<u>Psalm 89:26-27</u> – (26) "He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' (27) And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth."

<u>Psalm 2:5-9</u> – (5) "Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, (6) 'As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.' (7) I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you. (8) Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. (9) You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

Acts 5:31 – "God exalted (Jesus) at his right hand as Leader and Savior..."

<u>Revelation 1:5</u> – "...Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth..."

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