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Living in the Last Days
Dealing with the Culture Turning Against Us
Why There are no Elections In the Kingdom of God
Jeremiah 17:9-10, Matthew 24:4-14
Romans 13:1-7, Revelation 20:4

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Time for honesty. Are you now worried about the future because of the recent election or are you now less worried about the future because of the recent election.

There are a few things we learn consistently at election time here in this country.

Only Jesus Christ is Savior, no one else can do that job.

Politicians lie, why, because they are human.

Jeremiah 17:9–10
“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? “I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, To give to each person according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.” (NASB 2020)

And those who do not know the Lord, as well as most who do know the Lord, have no baseline of objective truth anymore because the church, as a whole, has failed.

What we have witnessed is something, as long as Jesus tarries, that we will see get worse, not better.

Jesus warned us about false Christs here in the last days. Many now disguised as politicians who promise to deliver their constituents to glory. Jesus also warned about persecutions, which I personally believe are already here in many places on the globe and is in this nation as well. He also warned about false prophets in the last days. That would be false teachers who are teaching another gospel and pointing away from Jesus Christ and pointing to prosperity, good times and the need to be encouraged and feel good about yourself.

He also promised lawlessness would increase. That is now here as well.

Matthew 24:4–14
“And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. **For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will mislead many people**. And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pains. **Then they will hand you over to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. And at that time many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will rise up and mislead many people. And because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will become cold.** But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (NASB 2020)

The real reality that you and I must understand, living in the last days as we do, is that the enemy hates us and he, of all beings in the world, knows just how short his time truly is.

Churches are peeling off left and right and turning from the Lord. And what we have witnessed in the election, either widespread lawless ness or demographics coming to roost, are all signs of the end of the age.

And there is one other thing too, that is the judgment of God on this planet as He egins to move towards the Tribulation. At present, things are taking place in order to tell those who are on the fence, get off and get serious.

Can we see another outbreak of the Holy Spirit in this nation? Maybe. I think the culture has reached Josiah levels

Unlike our nation, where we have the privilege to elect those who rule over us, that did not exist in Israel and a side note, it will not exist in the Kingdom of God either. In Israel, when a good king died, you held your breath wondering about the next guy. Israel went through a 50 plus year time period of the worst king

ever, his name was Manasseh, he brough in rampant hedonism with Baal worship, as well as a method to dispose of all of the unwanted babies through Molech worship.

He was judged, taken to prison by a foreign power, and in prison found the Lord.

2 Chronicles 33:11–13
“Therefore the LORD brought the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they captured Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze chains, and led him to Babylon. When he was in distress, he appeased the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. When he prayed to Him, He was moved by him and heard his pleading, and brought him back to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD alone is God.” (NASB 2020)

The Lord restored him to his throne, and he began the process of removing all the evil he had done.

But two generations had grown up under that and when he died and his son, Amon became king, he did everything that Manasseh had tried to undo. He only lasted two years and was murdered. Leaving eight-year-old Josiah to become king.

He sought the Lord when he turned 16 and at the age of 20, began to purge the land of the false altars everywhere. He was the child of Manasseh’s old age, the one who saw the change in dad. He worked at purging the land and when he was 26, commissioned the repairs to take place in the Temple. Somebody found the Torah there.

2 Chronicles 34:18–19
“Moreover, Shaphan the scribe informed the king, saying, “Hilkiah the priest gave me a book.” And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes.” (NASB 2020)

That is the sudden realization of a life lived, even though pointing the right way, headed the wrong way. He, as a leader of his people, went into deep mourning as the sin of the people and what they had done for over 50 years was now being exposed to him in the Word of God.

Naturally, find out what the Lord thinks about all of this so he did what he could do, he inquired of a prophetess, Huldeh.

2 Chronicles 34:23–28
“Then she said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: ‘Tell the man who sent you to Me, this is what the LORD says: “Behold, I am bringing evil on this place and on its inhabitants, all the curses written in the book which they have read in the presence of the king of Judah. Since they have abandoned Me and have burned incense to other gods, so that they may provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands, My wrath will be poured out on this place and it will not be quenched.” ’ But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, this is what you shall say to him: ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: In regard to the words which you have heard, Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and its inhabitants, and because you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes, and wept before Me, I have indeed heard you,” declares the LORD. “Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace, so your eyes will not see all the evil which I am bringing on this place and its inhabitants.” ’ ” And they brought back word to the king.” (NASB 2020)

Revival breaks out for a short while and during this time, Daniel and his friends are born.

The bottom line though, God was going to judge the people and the land for their sin, murder, and unbelief. They did know better, and they ignored the Lord.

Let's look at our culture. Why would we think God would not judge this nation or not judge this world? Cremuex Receuil posted the following on his Substack page.

Using data from the Guttmacher Institute—a nongovernmental organization sprung out of Planned Parenthood in 1968 with the aim to expand reproductive rights globally—we can see that aborted generation members have been a very sizable percentage of every generational cohort since the Roe v. Wade decision.

If we naïvely tally up America's abortions, we can see that potentially over a quarter of Gen X and Millennials were aborted, nearly as many Gen Z met that fate, and almost a fifth of Gen Alpha were treated the same way. (Recueil 2025)

In this nation, through abortion, almost a quarter of a generation has been wiped out.

And looking at the two latest generations, Gen Z and Gen A, Stephen Maher reports "Our calculations show that roughly 21 percent of Gen Z was aborted, and 18 percent of Gen Alpha was aborted. In other words, each generation is missing close to twenty percent of its members."

He continues "It is no coincidence that Gen Z and Gen Alpha are suffering from the highest levels of stress, depression, and isolation ever recorded. Members of Gen Z, especially, often report feeling unable to take on adult roles, or shoulder the burden of a family. Tragically, this seems to be generating even higher levels of abortion. How high? According to a study by the Office for National Statistics, by 2022, half of all pregnancies of Gen Z members end in abortion. (Mosher 2025)

Jesus Christ forgives sin, and this includes the sin of abortion. All those children are with the Lord right now, all of them. The encouragement for us is that Jesus forgives if we come to Him and believe as the scriptures teach us. But if we do not repent, then judgment is all that is left to look at.

Our nation has indulged in and been part of corporate sin. We do though have the opportunity that Josiah had.

Revival and a turning to the Lord may not be in the cards for the nation, but it is beginning to show up in some places and the results of what we have just seen in the election is the now larger number of Gen X and Gen Z voting, and it also reflects the need of the church to take advantage of and keep preaching and teaching God's word, not the placebo that put most of the millennials to sleep.

Geroge Barna has done the research and asked the questions that show us that yes, a revival may actually be trying to break out. I see commonality with 1967 in the current election results. Barna states the following.

""Spiritual transformation may be introduced by changes in religious behavior," the ACU professor explained, "but for those behavioral changes to become rooted, there must be an understanding of why such behaviors matter. Without making the connection between beliefs and behaviors, unrooted behaviors will become empty routines and the individuals are likely to revert to prior, comfortable habits. Unfortunately, if we study the beliefs that are changing within Gen Z, they tend to push people farther from biblical truth, not closer. That condition leads to an unfavorable prognosis, although God can generate transformation in any way He chooses, at any time that pleases Him." "Our ongoing research about effective discipleship underscores the importance of a handful of disciple-making practices that America's churches generally do not emphasize," Barna concluded. "If the Church will genuinely befriend

the young adults expressing interest in biblical Christianity, engage them in meaningful and honest dialogue linked to biblical principles, and model the lifestyle that made Jesus so attractive to the people He mentored, seekers will be more likely to embrace the Christian faith and way of living," he explained. "Without those connections and examples, based in love and truth, institutional Christianity becomes just another religion competing for numbers." (Barna 2026)

In other words, living in the end of the age as we do, in a culture that is determined to destroy itself, we need to not focus on protesting the world being the world or encouraging people in their sin, but instead focus on Jesus Christ.

The world will indeed keep on doing what we see being reflected in the election results even when the wrath of God is involved.

Picking up on what Jesus warned us of, Fred Moritz adds "Paul warned Timothy of the dangerous, ungodly conditions of the last days and of the persecution of Christians that would accompany them (2 Tim. 3:1–13). He closed the chapter by urging Timothy to continue in faithfulness to the gospel and to the instruction in the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:14–17).

Peter spends two chapters of his second epistle warning of the false teachers and wicked conditions of the last days. In chapter 2 he takes the time to tell Christians they can be overcome by the sinfulness of the age, as was Lot, or they can have victory over temptation in God's power (2 Pet. 2:7–9). In chapter 3 Peter urges believers who face the godlessness of the last days to be steadfast and to grow in grace (2 Pet. 3:11–18). (Moritz 2000, 132)

Forget the so called seven mountain mandate espoused by Christian Nationalism. We are not called to take over the world so God can move in. Jesus Christ has already told us He intends to do a seriously hostile takeover. Why is that needed? Why not protest against the world? Here is the reality from the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 9:20–21
"**The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands so as not to worship demons and the idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their murders, nor of their witchcraft, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts**." (NASB 2020)

All throughout the scriptures we are given a contrast between God's city, Jerusalem, and man's city, Babylon. And we see that reflecting, even in its ultimate destruction, what it is mans government, as it is being misused, leads to.

Revelation 18:9–14
"And the kings of the world who committed adultery with her and enjoyed her great luxury will mourn for her as they see the smoke rising from her charred remains. They will stand at a distance, terrified by her great torment. They will cry out, "How terrible, how terrible for you, O Babylon, you great city! In a single moment God's judgment came on you." The merchants of the world will weep and mourn for her, for there is no one left to buy their goods. She bought great quantities of gold, silver, jewels, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet cloth; things made of fragrant thyine wood, ivory goods, and objects made of expensive wood; and bronze, iron, and marble. She also bought cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, wagons, and bodies—that is, human slaves. "The fancy things you loved so much are gone," they cry. "All your luxuries and splendor are gone forever, never to be yours again."" (NLT)

What do we do as followers of Jesus seeing the world catch fire all around us? Until government begins to cross lines that are in the Bible, we do what Paul said.

Romans 13:1–7
“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. **For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.** Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.” (ESV)

When Paul wrote this, Nero was ruling the Empire. He was about to go to Jerusalem to be arrested and tried by the government. And did you see this; God is the one who established authority. Government done correctly is His idea. But yes, Satan can and does corrupt this.

Here is something to remember and pray for all those who are elected.

Government, then, is established by God. That doesn’t mean that He approves of everything governments or their representatives do. But good or bad, He chooses to allow them to exist and have authority. He actually works through them to accomplish His purposes.

For those who find themselves as a government employee, and I was one when I was in the military, you are a “minister for good.” In what way? This passage describes one important category of governmental authority—policing citizens by motivating them to pursue good and punishing those who do evil. Of course, your work in the system may involve very different tasks. Still, God wants you to be a “minister for good” by helping society function, by meeting the needs of people, by protecting the rights of people, or by defending your country from attack.

With authority comes responsibility and accountability. As a “minister of God” you will answer to Him for your decisions and actions. If God promises to avenge the evil that citizens commit, how much more will He avenge the evil that those in authority commit? (Thomas Nelson Publishers 2001, 186-187)

And that is why we pray for them.

We see the final fall of human government, totally corrupted by Satan, in the pages of Revelation. With the only remaining opposition to Satan and the false trinity of his have absolute rule over the earth being right there in and around Israel, God’s people the Jews and those few Tribulation saints who remain, it makes sense that is the location that Jesus returns to as He establishes His global Kingdom based in Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:9
“And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.” (ESV)

And by the way, do not expect there to be an election after Jesus eliminates the armies of the world with a word (Revelation 19:15).

Revelation 20:4a
“Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed...” (ESV)

Alva McClain givers us his ideas on what this means. “For here manifestly we have the actual beginning of the thousand-year Kingdom; and the activities of such a reign must begin with judicial action. Since this Kingdom will begin on earth with the actual situation existing here as the coming of Christ finds it, there will be many crucial matters needing to be settled by such action without delay. Among these will be the determination of what nations and what persons will be permitted to enter that blessed age and enjoy its wonderful benefits; the adjudication of ancient wrongs; the solution of the immediate problems of a complex society; and the assignment of responsibilities within the divine government as it will exist among men. (McClain 1974, 483-484)

Let’s pray.

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