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**DID GOD GIVE AMERICA A REPRIEVE OR THE CHURCH?**

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We want to take our Scripture text today from *Isaiah 45:1-6*, "**Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will lose the loins of Kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; 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: I will give thee the treasures of darkness, the hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which called thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. 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. I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west (notice the word west), that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else.**" Simply put, God did not give America a reprieve but God gave the Christians and His body the church a reprieve. A reprieve is merely a formal temporary suspension of the execution of a sentence especially of death. I do not for one moment believe that Jehovah gave America as a nation a reprieve but due to the prayers, fasting, and sacrifices of the true believers there has been a momentary delay because of His people. I know my pundits will say World War III could start any moment and that the great tribulation could begin this year. Because so

many prophecies scholars do not even remotely understand Bible prophecy they make these cynical statements. I am here to say today unequivocally, there will be no great tribulation beginning this year or for the next three years for that matter! Jesus made it very clear in Matthew chapter 24 that the abomination of desolation is what begins the great tribulation period. As creatures of nature we are prone to speculate about which governments and governmental officials God will or will not use, and for which purpose. For the last eight years we have watched a spirit of anti-Semitism from the previous president. Even though Donald J. Trump has been formerly inaugurated, this does not mean America has dodged a bullet. We must always remind ourselves that all governments and rulers serve at God's pleasure, and that the Lord can virtually use anyone to accomplish His purpose. As Christians, too often we listen to the wrong voices when it comes to Bible prophecy. We all heard that Obama would start World War III, declare martial law, and the Internet would collapse. The truth is World War III has not begun, martial law has not been declared, and we still have the Internet. Listen to the spirit of God and not men! I do believe God has given the church, His body an opportunity to fulfill the great commission and win many souls here in this hour. Personally, I have labored untiringly and sown much into the kingdom of God and have not seen the results I have untiringly worked for. There will be a generation that

will reap an untold harvest in the time of the end and I happen to believe we are that generation. A good illustration of Gods' divine purpose is that God chose the Persian king Cyrus to serve as His Shepherd and as His anointed. It appears that God has possibly chosen Donald J. Trump to shepherd Israel in helping them expand their ultimate promised land, along with their settlements, and Abrahamic territory. It is also evident to this man of God that Jehovah may be using Donald J. Trump to assemble a faction of military generals to prepare us for a possible third world war. President Donald Trump has aggregated some of the most competent military minded leaders within his cabinet. I do not believe this is by happenstance or by chance. I have said all of my ministerial life Israel will never lose a war until the arrival of the Antichrist. Any faction, nation, or military force that could destroy Israel would literally wipe them from off of the face of the earth and Israel would become nonexistent. For that reason alone the doctrine of replacement theology is heresy; which regretfully many are beginning to teach and preach. Israel cannot be terminated because God made a covenant with Abraham and God is not a man that He should lie. We read in *Psalms 89:34*, "**My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.**" It appears to me that Israel is going to increase their settlements exponentially and not give up Jerusalem as their capital until the

time of the end or maybe never. Time will tell if and when their land or Jerusalem might be divided according to **Joel 3:2, "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land."**

The prophet of God is inspired to use the word Jehoshaphat here because it means "Jehovah hath judged." There is no doubt that God did use Cyrus to destroy Babylon and Jehovah then touched his heart to possess a sympathetic policy toward Israel and made it possible for the Jews to return to Jerusalem and to begin rebuilding the Temple of God. This is why in Isaiah, Cyrus is called the Lords' shepherd, found here in **Isaiah 44:28, "That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and will perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid."** There is no doubt that God has ordained this present hour to accomplish His sovereign will regarding Israel because Israel is Gods' master time piece and remains the apple of His eye. Be wary of anyone or any Bible teacher that is castigating, impinging, or teaching replacement theology when it comes to the nation of Israel. I find it amazing how some of the most liberal Democrats still stand and fight for Israel. Everyone that resides in Israel is not all the true Israel of God. We understand that clearly because of **Romans 9:6-8, "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh (Ishamelites), these are not the children of God, but**

**the children of the promise are counted for the seed."** Many in Israel are in reality Ishmaelite's though they are declared to be the seed of Abraham; however, they are not the promised seed of Isaac! It is somewhat like the wheat and the tares. God will discern between the two in the Day of Judgment and not man. I hear many people declaring Donald Trump is not a Christian: well, Cyrus did not even know the Lord but God chose him to help restore Israel and in the rebuilding of the Temple. We must remember it is God who uses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and accomplish His will and purpose. We read in **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:27, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty; And base things of the world, and the things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence."** Simply put, God does as He wills no matter what any man may think or perceive for that fact. I find it very profound in our scripture text that God as He inspires the prophet Isaiah in verse six by the Holy Ghost and I quote "**That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the West, that there is none beside Me.**" Ask yourself this question; why does God only address the Western world in this phrase? It is because God knows the end from the beginning and He knew who He would put in as the president of these Western United States in this previous election. Often times in the Scriptures the Lord speaks of the north, the east, the south, and the west. However, in this phrase and Scripture verse He only speaks about the West. Yes, God has given His people the church a small parenthetical reprieve and if you

and I continue to fast and pray we will see and witness a divine move of God. It is apparent to me God stopped globalism and their desire for a world without borders in a moment of time and for a small parenthetical time. One man defeated 16 presidential candidates along with an entire news industry that hated him and continues to hate him with untold malice. I encourage you to pray for Donald Trump, America, and Israel in the coming days. Our 44<sup>th</sup> President has strewn tares throughout this nation and regretfully, those tares will all come to fruition in just a matter of time. As a nation we will reap the damage that has been sown under the auspices of deceit and deception. This is why we are warned to not be deceived because we will reap whatsoever we have sown. Thank you for fasting and praying with us during the month of January. I am always grateful and thankful for your continued love and support for the ministry. Hopefully, we will be putting together several conferences this year and we trust they will be a blessing to you. My prayer is that the grace of our Lord will abide upon you and your household daily.

Our new book entitled, "*The Bride of Christ, and the Mystery of the Church,*" will be releasing in the very near future.

We Serving With You All,

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