

The Voices of Babylon

*The politicians all make speeches - While the news men all take notes
They exaggerate the issues - As they shove them down our throats
Is it really up to them - Whether this country sinks or floats
Well I wonder who would lead us - If none of us would vote*

*And your money says in God we trust
But it's against the law to pray in school
You say we beat the Russians to the moon
And I say you sacrificed your children to do it
You say all men are equal all men are brothers
Then why are some more equal than others
Don't ask me for the answer I've only got one
That a man leaves his darkness when he follows the Son..*

Lyrics by Contemporary Christian Artist Steve Camp taken from the song
“Great American Dream” from the album *Justice*

The political season is upon us and soon we will be able to exercise our right to vote as a nation of who will be our leader(s) for the next four years. Presidents come and go but our future and well-being is not based on who is president. It is based on our faith and relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is in control, knows the future, and holds it in His hands. Tribulation is fast approaching, the end time birth pains are evident (**Matt 24**) and Evil may hold dominion over the earth this day, but in the end they lose! In Christ we have the Victory!

In Daniel 2:31-44, God revealed thru the prophet to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon a vision of a great statue representing future empires that will rule the world. We know by history that these were Babylon (Head of gold), then Persia (Chest and arms of silver), The Greek Empire (waist and thighs of Bronze), the Roman Empire (Legs of iron), and a divided kingdom still to come (feet mixed with iron and clay). The first four empires all self-destructed and fell due to their beliefs in Humanism (love of self), Materialism (love of money and possessions), and Hedonism (love of pleasure). The result of these three is Nihilism (Destruction and Despair). Our country (and the world) is following the same path. Paul the Apostle said that in the last days people will be “...**not lovers of the good**” and “**lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power.**” (2nd Tim 3:3-5)

Consider the history of the Israelites (God’s chosen people) inscribed in the Bible. Many appointed Kings ruled the nation; some were God fearing men and others were immoral, destructive, and prideful. The immoral ones led the people of Israel away from God, allowed worship of false Gods, and the sacrifice of children on their altars. America as a nation was founded on the principles of Christianity, but are we any different from the nation of Israel? We have had presidents who were God fearing men. We have also had our share of immoral,

ungodly men, and those who tried to be neutral as leaders of our nation. We the people have slowly moved away from our “Trust” in God, we have become apathetic towards our worship and commitment to Christ, and still sacrifice our children both physically and spiritually. In **Isaiah 5:8-24** the prophet speaks of six woes to the people of Israel and in **vs. 20** the Lord states, ***“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness...”*** and in **vs. 24b** ***“...for they have rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the Word of the Holy One of Israel.”*** The prophet Obadiah also proclaimed that ***“The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. (vs. 15)***

Regardless of who wins the presidency we can be sure of one thing; The Lord’s Return is imminent! ***“Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all peoples on earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Rev 1:7-8).*** My prayer and I hope your prayer is come quickly Lord Jesus, come quickly!

Keep the Faith,

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