

INTERCESSION FOR A NATION PART 2 by Pastor Jarrod Davidoff November 29, 2020

We continue as the church to pray and stand in faith for our nation because of the severity of the situation we now face. We are in the midst of a fire storm and it's up to the church to intercede and stand in faith like never before.

Here's the bottom line, when Godly and righteous people are in positions of leadership things go well. Yet when ungodly people run a city, town, village, state or nation, they open the door to evil coming in.

Proverbs 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

Why is this so? Because the righteous make laws that line up with the word of God and there is a blessing on those laws.

Yet when the unrighteous are in power they advance laws contrary to the Word of God and that opens the door for evil to come into the land.

I want you to understand that everything we see in life and politics has spiritual forces operating in the background.

The bible says in

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood (**PEOPLE**) but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world (**POLITICAL PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS, SECRET CLUBS AND SECRET SOCIETIES**), against spiritual wickedness in high places.

What this is teaching us is that **we are not fighting a natural battle** but a spiritual battle. You may in times have wondered why things come against you, why you feel sad or depressed, under pressure and defeated...

Why are things in your city out of sync to normality?

It's because the spiritual world rules over the natural world with power, authority and influence. That's why when we want to see change we must address it spiritually.

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

There are 2 spiritual kingdoms at play. There is God's kingdom and satan's kingdom.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

Satan's kingdom has rank and structure like an army. Satan is the general, there are demonic rulers over nations and territories and he has foot soldiers that are called familiar spirits. They are demons.

The 4 main areas of influence and power in America are

1. **Washington** (political)

2. **New York** (financial and media)
3. **LA** (media and entertainment) and
4. **Silicon valley** (big tec and social media)

If you want to control and influence America and the world you need to have power and influence over these kingdoms.

That's why Satan has commanded his most senior legions to be in these 4 main cities.

BUT THE BIBLE TEACHES US TO PRAY:

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

So we know that the Lord wants His will that is in Heaven, done on earth.

So this means that we want people as leaders and elected officials who are closest to God's laws getting our vote.

If people believe that killing babies and corrupting our children by sexualizing them in schools with wicked teachings are certainly not God's will.

I heard one preacher say that if you vote for a politician that believes in abortion then you are an accomplice to murder.

So Christians I say this will absolute love and as a man of God-be careful who you partner with as your vote gets them in power and if they do things ungodly, you put them in and what you sow you will unfortunately reap.

SO REPENT

DANIEL

Daniel was the most dynamic of 3 governors who ruled over the greatest empire in the world at its time. The great Persian Empire spanning 2 million square miles. It spanned from Egypt in the west to Turkey in the north, and through Mesopotamia to the Indus River in the east.

It contained **half** of the world's population.

When Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego tested they were found to be 10 times smarter and wiser than all the wise men, leaders of Persia. As you can imagine they had tremendous animosity, hatred and jealousy towards them.

They could not find anything wrong with the way they managed the economy or their morality so they used their religion against them.

They persuaded the king that for 30 days no one could pray to their God, but to the emperor.

Daniel 6:1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; **2** and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. **3** Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the

governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. **4** So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. **5** Then these men said, “We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.”

6 So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: “King Darius, live forever! **7** All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. **8** Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.” **9** Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day (**THIS SPEAKS OF GREAT COMMITMENT**), and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

Daniel was not a man that was willing to compromise, even if it meant that he would be thrown into the lion's den.

He was also such a powerful man of God that Satan knew his prayers worked so he got pharaoh to change the laws of the land so that no one would pray.

Daniel 9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— **2** in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish **seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem**.

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Daniel knew from studying scripture and having access to the records that the time of 70 years was about to come to an end.

Daniel responded to this revelation by specific action. It placed a personal responsibility on him.

If it was God's purpose to rebuild Jerusalem then it was his responsibility to position himself for God to use him.

Where did Daniel read this? This was available for Daniel

Jeremiah 10:10 For thus says the LORD: **After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.** **11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

Daniel mourned, fasted and prayed.

Daniel 9:4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, **5** we have sinned

and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. **6** Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. **7** O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

Daniel interceded for Israel and God fulfilled His promise. We to know that God has given us great and mighty promises of revival and prosperity in our lives, family, community and nation

But the wolves are circling.

ESTHER

This is the backdrop

The Jews were scattered around Persia and **Ahasuerus reigned over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces.**

One night at his banquet Vashti didn't come

He divorced her

Had the world's first beauty competition and Esther won

Haman was an evil leader who hated the Jews.

Devised a plan that one day all Jews around the world would be killed and he got the king to sign the decree saying how the Jews were the enemy of the people.

Esther 4:11 “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days.” **12** So they told Mordecai Esther’s words.

13 And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: “Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews. **14** For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. **Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**”

15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: **16** “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!”

17 So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

Here is the picture again of an intercessor. Notice her commitment

-IF I PERISH, I PERISH

The most important thing is that I do what I can for my people.

We as children of God have royal positions. We have come into the kingdom for such a time as this.

Moses, Joshua, Caleb, David, Solomon and the OT leaders had their time

Paul, Peter, the 12 disciples, Philip the evangelist, HAD THEIR TIME

Reinhard Bonnke, Billy Graham had their time

NOW IT'S OUR TIME TO PRAY AND PREACH

She said we must all pray and fast then I will go in

Esther 5:1 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on *her* royal *robes* and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house. **2** So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, *that* she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that *was* in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter. (THAT STANDS FOR MERCY)

3 And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you—up to half the kingdom!"

She had prevailed. The rest of the book of Esther shares how she shares with the king her husband how evil Haman wanted to kill all the Jews including her. When the king heard this he was outraged and killed Haman

The very plot that your enemies had setup for to fail in or be destroyed shall be destroyed themselves.