## Message# 286\_5-05-2024 - "Baptisma in the Name of..."

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

As we get closer to wrapping up this current series - I'm doing all I can to change people's minds about two very important things.

1) I'm trying to get people to see that mere men do not have the authority to make their own "laws, statutes, ordinances, etc." God, and God alone is the definer of good and evil, right and wrong. That's what "Laws" are. Laws are definitions of good and evil, right and wrong.

In any Bible passage that men would like to refer to - in a discussion on Government - the Bible references good and evil. And where men have failed in our world today - and in every single generation under God's Creation - where men have failed - it's when they mistakenly or rebelliously - the outcome is the same no matter the motives - mistake or rebellion - where men have failed is when they think they have been given the authority to make laws - to determine for themselves what is right and what is wrong.

You know you are on a collision course with disaster if a "lawbook" you have created for yourself - the "lawbook" that you are trying to live by - is thicker than an ordinary Bible. An ordinary Bible is typically about 2 inches thick. That is all the Law that men need to have a "Law and Order" society, a prosperous society and a free society. It's actually very simple.

But when demons and devils come into "power" - and their main goal is control of the people, control of the money, power over other people's lives - the tell-tale sign of the demons and devils - is when their "lawbooks" get thicker and thicker and thicker. Such as what we have today. Such as what began in the late 1700s with the u.s. CONstitution.

Turn to Deuteronomy chapter 4. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers Deuteronomy, the fifth book. We talk all the time about starting at the beginning and working our way backwards. That's the only way to properly understand the Word of God, the Will of God for His Creation. I saw a video this week where some people were showing

evidence that Andy Stanley, the son of the late Charles Stanley, one of the leading "churchmen" of the last one hundred years - Andy Stanley preaches that the first 39 books of the Bible are completely unnecessary. And of course, that's got to be in the top 5 of the dumbest things these dumb dogs which cannot bark have ever come up with. A man who would make such a statement has proven that he knows nothing about the God of the Bible, he knows nothing about God's Son - and is the blind leading the blind and altogether they will - they have - fallen into a pit.

And, even those "preachers" state, government 501(c)(3) "preachers" who actually speak out against Andy Stanley's teachings - by advocating for the "laws of men" - they are doing exactly what Andy Stanley does - they are saying ultimately the same thing - and while they are apparently arguing against each other - in reality - they are on the same understanding - damning people to the same lost ways - but thinking they are leading people down different paths. But they are all lost - they are leading people to the same ends of destruction - just taking a slightly different route to get there.

It is impossible to understand anything about the Word of God, the Will of God, if you are not building principle upon principle, understanding upon understanding, starting at the beginning of the Book and working your way to the end.

As we begin in the Book, obviously, Genesis, "In the beginning" - that's as obvious as it gets. As we progress through the history of Adam, Noah, Abraham, then through Israel, then through the judges, then through the prophets - we see time progressing.

Then, we get to what we refer to as the Gospels. And, another fatal mistake comes into play. When people arrive at the Gospels, they mistakenly thing they have arrived at what we refer to as the New Testament. Not so. That is not so. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are firmly in the Old Covenant, the Old Testament. The story of John the Washer - clearly Old Covenant. Definitely now, towards the end of the Old Covenant - no doubt about that at all - but John was in the Old Covenant. John the Washer never stepped one foot inside the New Covenant. In essence, he was very similar to Moses. Moses got right up to the brink of the Promised Land - but he never made it in. John the Washer made it right up to the beginning of the New Covenant - but he never made it in.

John the Washer's ministry was an Old Covenant ministry. He had the office of prophet. Just like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, John was an Old Testament prophet - he was the last of the Old Covenant prophets - John's washing - was an Old Covenant washing. John

was washing people into repentance in the manner prescribed in the Law God gave Moses. And, this included, "This is the Law concerning leprosy" which was rampant in his time. To fail to understand this - is a fatal mistake - and again - whether the mistake is made out of ignorance or whether it is intentional - the outcome is the same.

In my opinion, there's no excuse for anyone not understanding that John the Washer and his ministry was an Old Covenant ministry. For goodness sake, Jesus had not even been executed by the state yet. Even if someone mistakenly thinks the Old Covenant ended at the cross - John the Washer had himself been executed by the state years before Jesus was. This is ABC, 123, simple, simple, simple. John the Washer was leading the people of his day into repentance according to the Law God gave Moses. John's physical H2O water washing was Old Covenant.

This is also the same man that said,

"All I'm doing is washing you with physical H2O water - but the One Who is coming after me - whose shoe latchets I am not worthy to unlatch - He will wash you with something totally different."

How simple is that? How easy that should be to understand. But, because people do not understand the simple, basic truth that John was in the Old Covenant - because faith - understanding - knowledge must be built starting from the beginning and working to the back end - people are easily misled by others who also do not understand such basic truths.

John was the forerunner to the Messiah. Their paths barely crossed each other.

So, the story of John, clearly Old Covenant, almost at the end of that timeline, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - Old Covenant books. In the end, yes, of the Old Covenant. But Old Covenant books.

The Book of Acts. Again. Old Covenant. The Book of Acts is an Old Covenant Book. As I have shown over and over and over - and you know, denying the clear facts doesn't change them - the disciples, the apostles, the converts to Christianity from "Judianity" - the Book of Acts states this over and over and over - the Christians were daily in the temple. What were they doing in the temple? The third hour, the sixth hour, ninth hour - all important hours defined in the Law God gave Moses and they specifically referenced the times of day pertaining to the daily sacrifices which God commanded in

the Law God gave Moses. The Christians - after the resurrection of Jesus Christ - after the ascension of Jesus Christ back to the Father - after the day of Pentecost - were in the temple daily participating in the animal sacrifices according to the Law God gave Moses - because the Old Covenant had not yet ended. They were not there for donuts and coffee. They were not there trying to put an end to the daily sacrifices. They were there participating in the daily sacrifice - but doing so - in the name of - in the Authority of Jesus Christ - and not in the name of - by the authority of Moses - and that's why they were persecuted by the jews.

When we see what looks like physical H2O water being applied to people's flesh in the Book of Acts - we are seeing people obeying the Law God gave Moses - in the name of - by the Authority of Jesus Christ - and not in the name of - by the authority of Moses - and that's why they were persecuted by the jews.

If we do not understand these basic, simple truths, there is no possible way we can understand the Mind of God, the Will of God, the purpose of our existence.

And sadly, when we miss this, we cause indescribable damage to people - even sincere people - seeking people - causing people to conclude that by keeping the Law God gave Moses - as in having someone dunk yourself in some water - that that person then has received forgiveness of their sins and has been made clean in order to be in the presence of God. Oh my goodness, it is heartbreaking to see this continue day after day - generation after generation. Men leading their children into the deception that at the age of 20 - they need to undertake an Old Covenant water ritual - and that Old Covenant water ritual changes their standing with God. And people then live the rest of their lives under a delusion that that act they participated in at age 20 is what Jesus came for, what Jesus was executed for, that was the purpose of the Messiah.

New Covenant washing, New Covenant baptisma - has nothing whatsoever to do with physical H2O water - and friends - if you think it does - if you believe that physical water - or physical blood has anything to do with your salvation in the New Covenant world - you are lost. You're lost. Your wet and lost. No different than dry and lost. You are lost. There is nothing left in the Old Covenant world that has any power to redeem our lost souls. New Covenant washing, New Covenant baptisma, is being washed in the Authority of Jesus Christ - which means laying down our own lives - taking up a cross - and following Jesus Christ in living a life exclusively by His Authority. Exclusively living by the definitions of good and evil that His Father defined in the beginning, in the days of Noah, in the days of Abraham, in the days of Moses, in the days of the prophets.

And, now, Deuteronomy chapter 4, verse 1:

- [1] Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.
- [2] Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Friends, that is simple, simple, simple. You can't add to the Word of God. You can't add to the Law of God. If the "Lawbook" that you claim for yourself is thicker than an ordinary Bible - that's a dead give-away. World - we have a problem. "But the CONstitution is based on the Bible." Then you don't need it. Just take the Bible. The CONstitution - it says as clearly as can be - "Our CONstitution, our laws, our statutes, our treaties - shall be the supreme law of the land" - that is adding to the Word of God. That is adding to the Law of God. Deuteronomy 4:2 is not hard to understand. Adding to the Word of God, or taking away from the Word of God - will keep you from obeying the Laws of God. That's what it is.

Whenever man takes it upon himself to create "laws" - those "laws" (no matter how seemingly innocent they may seem in the beginning) will ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS end up being against the Laws of God. Man cannot, does not possess an infinite mind that knows the ends from the beginnings. When men create "laws" create their own definitions of good and evil - they cannot think of every result that will happen as a result of what they have done. This is why they go back and change, alter, amend, rarely - but sometimes even abolish - "laws" that they created because - for instance - California - in all their brilliance - decided to alter "laws" related to stealing. And what happened? People started stealing in overdrive. So, California now has decided they needed to go back and rethink what they did with their "laws concerning stealing."

Only God - in His infinite wisdom - has the ability to define good and evil, right and wrong - and He did so early on in our Bibles. If we do not have that understanding, we are destined for failure. Total collapse. Hmm, just like we see today.

Men do not possess the ability to define good and evil. And, as I said a few minutes ago, whenever we see any kind of Biblical Government - it is based on men enforcing the few definitions of good and evil as defined by God. God never, not even in the Old Covenant world - never did he tell men's "governments" they were free to throw out

His definitions of good and evil and install their own definitions of good and evil, then force people to obey them - or else. That is a lie. Whether it is a lie out of ignorance, or a willful, purposeful lie to enslave people - it is a lie - and the results will be the same.

So, I'm doing all I can to change people's understandings back to the way God intended things to be. Men are to live by His definitions of good and evil. And when evil men - demons and devils - decide to make their own definitions of good and evil - and force people to obey them - it is the responsibility - it is the mandate of the true follower of Jesus Christ - to stand up and say,

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Whether anyone else in the world gets it or not - as for me - and whether anyone else in the house - in the family - gets it or not - we will serve the LORD - exclusively. Turn to Daniel chapter 3, read beginning in verse 1, please. An example. A foundational understanding, that if a man does not have, there is no way that man can understand the Word of God, no way to understand the Will of God. This must be a foundation upon which our faith - our understandings - our beliefs are built.

- [1] Nebuchadnezzar the king [the government, the parliament, the congress, the state legislature, the city council] made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.
- [2] Then Nebuchadnezzar the king [the government, the parliament, the congress, the state legislature, the city council] sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellers, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

Listen. This is easy to understand. This is easy to imagine in our minds. This is easy to apply this to the world today. We see these types of things all the time.

[3] Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellers, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king [the

government, the parliament, the congress, the state legislature, the city council] had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

We see things like this almost everyday in the world. That world is the same world we see today. There is nothing new under the sun.

- [4] Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,
- [5] That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up [the government, the parliament, the congress, the state legislature, the city council]:
- [6] And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

This is principle here. It's men's "governments". Whoso falleth not down and serves men's governments. It's not just as if a "government" today builds a golden idol and makes a "law" that people have to bow down to it. This is representative of their systems they create. It's the embodiment of their "laws" - their departments of this and departments of that. It's the worship - it's obedience to their states. It's obedience to a way of life that the "kings, the governments, the parliaments, the congresses, the legislatures, the councils" demand that their citizens conform their lives to. It is ridiculously, fatally shallow - to read this story and conclude that it only means if someone builds a giant golden statue and tells you to bow down to it when you hear music play - that's all this means.

This is not a cute little bedtime story that has no real meaning or value today. This is about serving men's little g "governments" or serving God's Government. This is based on the foundation that Joshua had laid years earlier in his declaration about serving God or serving men. It's principle built on principle. Verse 7.

- [7] Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up [the government, the parliament, the congress, the state legislature, the city council].
- [8] Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Judahites.

- [9] They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.
- [10] Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:
- [11] And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
- [12] There are certain Judahites whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

See. Right there. That verse alone tells you it wasn't just about the golden image. It wasn't just about that idol. They wouldn't serve Neb's gods - his - rulers, judges, magistrates. It wasn't that they just decided not to obey this one obvious thing of falling down to worship the golden image - it was more than that. It was that they would not obey Neb's "laws." They would not obey Neb's statutes and ordinances. The golden image thing was just one more thing added to the list. That part was easy. It was just one more thing they would not obey. They were followers of God living in Babylon and they remained committed to the exclusive definitions of good and evil as defined by God and God alone.

O king, [they] have not regarded thee:

Strong's defines regarded as

decree (13x), chancellor (with H1169) (3x), commanded (with H7761) (3x), regarded (1x), commandment (2x), regard (7,761x), tasted (1x), wisdom (1x)

An old Hebrew lexicon says regarded as, as in Daniel chapter 3:

to show proper deference to

"These three men will not show proper deference to you, Nebuchandnezzar. They won't obey your laws."

Listen. People can deny how I'm trying to illustrate this chapter. They can say that it only means not to bow down and worship a tiki god made out of elephant tusk in the deep dark places of Africa - but these are principles about not bowing down to men

who are not bowing down to God. And today, it's about men who refuse to bow to the Authority of Jesus Christ and insist on making their own "governments" with their own definitions of good and evil - and forcing other people - people who refuse to bow to other men - forcing them to obey their definitions of good and evil - or else. So, how about the "or else?"

[13] Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. [They arrested these men and took them to court.]

Rage and fury? That's interesting. I've watch videos of court proceedings where men are accused, found guilty of murder or other heinous sins and I've watch judges calmly, prosecutors calmly participate in the proceedings as if it's ho-hum - nothing to see here.

Then, I compare that to the times they had me in their courts and I've watched them yell and scream - get red in the face - and spit and look like they were getting ready to have a heart-attack - not because of a murder - not because of a rape or a theft - but because they had captured someone who refused to serve their gods. I've seen their rage and fury. And I've seen them do it to others, as well.

[14] Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

See, it wasn't just about the golden image.

- [15] Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
- [16] Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.
- [17] If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us [one way or another] out of thine hand, O king.
- [18] But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

If all this is just talking about "kings" building golden images of themselves and forcing people to fall on their faces and bow down when the king's music is played - then - yeah - throw it out. It has no value for today. All that sort of stuff went away hundreds of years ago. The naked bushmen in Africa put clothes on a long time ago. They've outlawed the "illegal poaching" of elephant tusks - so the gods have all disappeared from the world scene. The Book of Daniel has no real significance today. So, just like Andy Stanley suggested, let's just throw it all out. It has no meaning for today.

But it does. It has all the meaning in the world. It is all about the effort of trying to make people understand that life is about falling down and worshiping, bowing down to and serving - exclusively - the Government of God - even it means losing your life in the process.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego - is an Old Covenant example of what New Covenant baptisma is. They were baptidzo by fire. This is what John the Washer was talking about.

- [19] Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be [normally] heated.
- [20] And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.
- [21] Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
- [22] Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
- [23] And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Ha.

[24] Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellers, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. [There was just three of them.]

[25] He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Oh my goodness. Keep your finger here.

Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Turn to Romans chapter 6. Begin with verse 1.

- [1] What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
- [2] God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
- [3] Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptidzo into Jesus Christ were baptidzo into His death?
- [4] Therefore we are buried with Him by baptisma into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were living a life of conformity to the Authority of God - and not of men - not even the "king" of Babylon - the most formidable, most powerful "government" of that time. They would not bow to the authority of any other - than of God. And their faith - their system of belief - was tested - it was tried - by fire. They were baptidzo with Christ. Friends, this is exactly what John the Washer was talking about.

"All I'm doing is washing you with physical H2O water. But the One coming after Me - Who already showed us exactly what His baptisma was with the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego - He is going to wash you with fire."

We see it. We see the baptisma of Jesus Christ right here foretold in the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. If our faith - our system of belief - is not based on the foundational principles - Book after Book - from the beginning - progressing to the end - we won't get it. We won't see it.

This story from the Book of Daniel is not a cute little bedtime story. It's about being washed in the Authority of Jesus Christ, it's about living your life by the exclusive Authority of God and not of men - and if so - being willing to die for it. Being willing to be buried in the fire of men's trials and persecutions to remain trusting in the Authority

of God. Back to Daniel 3, verse 26. Oh my goodness. I just cannot believe that men who can read this book for themselves, can conclude that it's all about physical H20 water.

- [26] Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.
- [27] And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellers, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.
- [28] Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.
- [29] Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.
- [30] Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

Do you want to know how to change the world? It's about being baptidzo in Jesus Christ - in Jesus Christs' Authority - and being willing to give your life for that faith, for that belief, for that way of life.

[they] yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

This is it. This is what it's all about. It's about living our lives, yielding our bodies, to the exclusive worship of God. In Him, we live and move and have our being.

The world that we live in today demands exclusive obedience to them. Exclusive obedience to their "laws, statutes, and ordinances" - and pretty much any other whim that they can think of at any given time. The follower of Jesus Christ submits only to the Authority of Jesus Christ.

So I'm doing all I can to try to help people to understand the Authority of Jesus Christ and what He meant when He said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth."

I'm also trying to change people's minds about thinking that being "baptized" - people base their salvation on a word that shouldn't even be in our Bibles - can't we see on that basis alone - that we better be reevaluating what we think we believe?

Being baptizdo in Christ - in the New Covenant World - has nothing whatsoever to do with physical H2O water. It is about being immersed in, fully overtaken by, fully embracing, being overcome by - the exclusive Authority of Jesus Christ.

Millions and millions of people have been dunked in physical H2O water - but have never yielded their bodies to the exclusive Authority of Jesus Christ. Because the baptisma of Jesus Christ has been removed from Matthew 20 out of so many people's "Bibles" - most people do not even know about the baptisma of Jesus Christ which was demonstrated, foretold, shown by the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Because so many people - pretty much the entire world - believes that Jesus is nothing but a coming king - men have been deceived into believing that it is actually the Will of God, the Plan of God, the demand of God, that men refuse to submit to the definitions of good and evil as defined only by God Himself - and then submit to the definitions of good and evil as defined by the whims and will of man.

And, I submit to you, that the biggest reason why sincere men fail to understand these so seemingly simple Bible truths - is because they have not built their faith - principle upon principle - beginning in Genesis and working towards the end of the Book.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts - all are in the timeline of the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant did not officially end until the temple was destroyed - exactly like Jesus said in Matthew 24. And I say that to say this, that baptisma is about being in the Authority of Jesus Christ - it is not about being in the physical water of the Old Covenant.

Paul's letters give us glimpses into the coming New Covenant. There is a clear and distinct point in the timeline coming between the Book of Acts and the epistles - not just Paul's, but Peter's, James and John's as well. And we need to understand this, or we will not understand the Word of God.

Changing gears slightly, but still continuing with the theme of Authority and the definitions of good and evil as defined by God. There were a couple things that took place in the news this week that I want to share with you.

The first thing was the story of the New York "district attorney" who refused to stop for the cop who claimed to clock her speed at 55 in a 35. I want to play for you the segment that was on the news, then I want to talk about it for a few minutes.

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-4dYWZg\_ck

When I saw this, I immediately called Jeff on the phone and said to him how sweet vindication is. We certainly understand it. The world doesn't. The world completely missed what they should have learned from this incident.

I hope you see what I'm talking about. This "district attorney" from New York told the cop - "I have been dealing with three murders today, do you think I care about going twenty miles over the speed limit?"

That is exactly what I'm trying to get people to understand. Dealing with the 3 murders is exactly what they should be dealing with. Speeding - without causing damage to someone's property or their body - is not sin. And it should not be defined as "crime." They should be focusing on God's definitions of right and wrong, good and evil. Of which, thou shalt not commit murder is one of. As in the fact she said she was dealing with 3 murders. Great. That's perfectly fine that you are trying to deal with murderers. That's one of the few things that God said you are supposed to do.

Now, before any new listener might think I'm advocating for speeding - that is not so. I am not at all saying it is okay to speed. I don't speed. It is not. But it only becomes a punishable sin when damage occurs. If there is no damage to property or people - there is no sin.

But, if there is a posted sign that says - "We believe the safe speed for this particular stretch of the road is 35" and someone plows through there at 55 and kills someone or damages someone's property - then the full extent of God's Law should be carried out as negligent killing. And this is a very serious violation of the Laws of God.

And, also, let me say this, someone could be traveling at 30 miles per hour in a posted 35 - but if they are texting or if they are drunk - and they damage someone or their

property - it doesn't matter what speed they were going. God's Laws have judgments against negligent murder and negligent property damage.

But driving a certain speed without harming someone - is not a violation of the Laws of God - and no man has a right or God given Authority to stop someone - to punish someone who is not violating the Laws of God. And it's not just about speeding - it's about all of their millions and millions of laws that do not pertain to damaging someone.

This New York "district attorney" just showed the world what her job (except for her being a woman) - should be about. Of course, it was one step forward and two steps backwards - because the world didn't get it. The world was upset because they viewed her attitude as being "above the law." Which actually, is the exact position that Jesus had. It is the exact position that all Christians should have - meaning - that Jesus is above man's "laws" - we - as followers of Jesus Christ are above man's "laws."

Man does not have the Authority to define or redefine good and evil, right and wrong. When there is no damage to a body or to property - there is no evil. And man doesn't have the authority to change that.

So, the words of this New York "district attorney" prove that what I've been trying to get people to understand is the way it should be.

The second thing that came out this week was that the u.s. "house of representatives" passed a new "antisemitism awareness bill". And this, too, is vindication for the true follower of Jesus Christ. Now listen, I'm not saying that anything they do is good. It is not good. I'm only saying what Jesus said when He said, "By your words you are condemned" and I'm using that to say they are condemned when they come against the true follower of Jesus Christ and try to eliminate us because we refuse to obey their gods. We refuse to serve their gods. Listen to this, then I'll talk about it.

https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinian-campus-protests-columbia-congress-df4ba95dae844b3a8559b4b3ad7e058a

House passes bill to expand definition of antisemitism amid growing campus protests over Gaza war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed legislation Wednesday that would establish a broader definition of antisemitism for the Department of Education to enforce anti-discrimination laws, the latest response from lawmakers to a nationwide student protest movement over the Israel-Hamas war.

The proposal, which passed 320-91 with some bipartisan support, would codify the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a federal anti-discrimination law that bars discrimination based on shared ancestry, ethnic characteristics or national origin. It now goes to the Senate where its fate is uncertain.

Well, that's only part of the story. I'm going to stop reading the rest of the article and focus on one thing in particular. The article's author said they would be going to use the *International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism*.

But, the article does not define what that definition is. I went and found it and there is something in there that it is vital - and it goes to what I am saying is vindication for the true follower of Christ. In the definition, the link is in the notes

https://holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definition-antisemitism

that one of the definitions of antisemitism is:

Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.

So, my question is this. Is denying the "right to self-determination" - does that only apply to people who call themselves "jews" - or would that apply to anyone who is denied the "right to self-determination?"

Well come on. If one group of people supposedly have the "right to self-determination" then it's only reasonable to say that everyone has that supposed "right to self-determination."

I then went to look up what the "right to self-determination" means. It isn't rocket science. Someone doesn't to be particularly smart to know what that means - even at face value. But here it is:

Self-determination denotes the legal right of people to decide their own destiny in the international order. Self-determination is a core principle of international law, arising from customary international law, but also recognized as a general principle of law, and enshrined in a number of international treaties.

## From the Cornell Law School website:

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/self\_determination\_(international\_law)#:~:text=Self %2Ddetermination%20denotes%20the%20legal,a%20number%20of%20international %20treaties

self determination (international law)

Self-determination denotes the legal right of people to decide their own destiny in the international order. Self-determination is a core principle of international law, arising from customary international law, but also recognized as a general principle of law, and enshrined in a number of international treaties. For instance, self-determination is protected in the United Nations Charter and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as a right of "all peoples."

The scope and purpose of the principle of self-determination has evolved significantly in the 20th century. In the early 1900's, international support grew for the right of all people to self-determination. This led to successful secessionist movements during and after WWI, WWII and laid the groundwork for decolonization in the 1960s.

Contemporary notions of self-determination usually distinguish between "internal" and "external" self-determination, suggesting that "self-determination" exists on a spectrum. Internal self-determination may refer to various political and social rights; by contrast, external self-determination refers to full legal independence/secession for the given 'people' from the larger politico-legal state.

Hmm. So this is a "right" for ALL people to have full legal independence/secession from the larger politico-legal state.

So, for Christians, for people who can actually take the Bible - let's not forget now that pretty much the entire world claims that "jews are god's chosen people" - and I would agree with that as long as the g is not capitalized - "jews are god's chosen people" little g - but Christians can take their Bibles and open them to Ephesians chapter 2 - let's do

that in closing - Ephesians chapter 2 and we'll begin with verse 1, quickly. And what I was saying is that churchians will take a Bible and try to prove that "jews are God's chosen people". Well, I can do that, too.

- [1] And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- [2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world,

The word course there is aion. Age. The time where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways. But those days were ending. It was going to be returned back to the Authority of God - where men could only walk in the Authority of God....

according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

- [3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
- [4] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- [6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- [7] That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Here, we see a very definitive point in the timeline. From Genesis working towards the end - now we see Paul referring to the "ages to come" - they were almost there. They were almost in the "ages to come" time period. The end of the Old and the establishment of the New. If people do not understand this - it is impossible to understand the Word of God.

- [8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- [11] Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

[12] That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

We are talking about Biblical support for being the chosen people of God - God's chosen people - we are talking about Israel. The commonwealth of Israel - this is 100% Governmental language - this is political language - this is about the Nation of God - this is God's people. And it is talking about people who have embraced the Authority of Jesus Christ. They've turned their back on the course of this world and have embraced the Authority of Jesus Christ. If you have not embraced the Authority of Jesus Christ you are not Israel. You are an alien to the Commonwealth of Israel. This is about as easy as anything in the Bible is.

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- [12] That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- [13] But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- [14] For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- [15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- [16] And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
- [17] And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- [18] For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- [19] Now therefore [because of all of this] ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

This is talking about the Nation of God. It's talking about citizens and foreigners - it's political language. The Nation of God, the Citizens of God - the household of God - are those who have embraced Jesus Christ and they are the Commonwealth of Israel.

If you want to talk about antisemitism - talk about people who refuse to allow the Citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel - the "right of self-determination." The "right" to live by the exclusive definitions of good and evil as defined by God Himself.

- [20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone;
- [21] In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- [22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

God has a Nation. It's called the Commonwealth of Israel. Defined and named right here in Ephesians chapter 2. They claim "jews are god's chosen people" and they claim to use a Bible to do so. We claim the Commonwealth of Israel - it can't be any clearer than from Ephesians chapter 2. We are a Nation. We are the Nation of God. We are the Commonwealth of Israel - and if the "right of self-determination" is available to one group of people who claim to be "god's people" then that same right is also available to another group of people who claim to be "God's people."

So - leave us alone. Go back to dealing with your 3 murders a day. And leave us alone. We are not evil. We are not violating the Laws of God. Leave us alone. We are not going to serve your gods. We are not going to bow down to your definitions of right and wrong - we are going to serve our God and Him alone will we serve.

Turn your furnaces up seven times hotter. If God delivers us - or does not deliver us - know this today - we will not serve your gods.