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Why?

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

On January 20, 2021, Joe Biden took the oath of office and was sworn in as our nation's 46th president. For many, it was hard to grasp that Biden, who rarely ventured out on the campaign trail, was able to unseat one of the most popular and successful presidents ever. Nevertheless, rightly or wrongly, legitimately or illegitimately, he did.

Why?

Well, that is the question that many of us are asking in the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election.

For my part, I held out hope until the last minute that somehow, through some court challenge or Constitutional mechanism, God would cut through the election fraud and irregularities and Donald Trump would be sworn in for a second term.

But it was not to be.

So, again, why?

Well, I believe the answer lies in an oft overlooked statement that the Old Testament prophet Daniel makes in the second chapter of the Book of Daniel. A statement which we will examine and then apply to our current situation.

In Daniel Chapter 2, King Nebuchadnezzar has had a troubling dream. The content of the dream has escaped him, and he is frustrated that none of his wise men are able to tell him what his dream was, let alone give its meaning. Consequently, King Nebuchadnezzar orders all the wise men of Babylon executed.

When word gets to Daniel that he and

his friends are to be executed with the wise men, Daniel objects. He asks that word be sent to the king that he would make known to the king both the dream and the interpretation of the dream.

Now, most pastors and Bible teachers, when addressing this chapter, tend to concentrate on Daniel and how God gives him the knowledge and interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

Sometimes a few spend time on Daniel and his friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, seeking God's mercies concerning the dream and its secrets. But, even then, most of the emphasis tends to be on the dream and its interpretation.

There is, however, as I said before, an oft overlooked statement buried in the narrative. After God reveals the secrets of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Daniel makes a profound and powerful statement in Daniel 2:20-22:

"Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him."

This statement, I believe, sheds light

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Coming Events at the BBC

February 2021

21 - Church Spaghetti Dinner
following Sunday AM service

March 2021

21 - Pi(e) Day Fellowship AM
28 - Palm Sunday/Lord's Supper AM

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on our current situation.

Daniel begins this statement in verse 20 with a recognition of who and what God is. He said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever". This recognizes that God is supreme and worthy of all honor and glory ("Blessed be the name of God") and that He is the eternal God ("for ever and ever"). As such, it reminds us that, when it comes to understanding what God is doing and why He is doing it, it is God who is supreme in all decisions and actions. It also reminds us that His decisions and actions are made in light of His eternal plans and consequences.

The second part of verse 20 tells us God's name is to be blessed, "for wisdom and might are his." Think about that for a moment. Wisdom and might belong to God. They are an essential part of His very being. He does not merely possess wisdom and might, He embodies wisdom and might. Consequently, whatever God does, whatever God allows, is weighed, considered, and sifted by God's absolute, divine wisdom. And because might belongs to God, God is able to allow or disallow, do or prevent from being done, cause or keep from being caused, any decision or action by the power of His might in light of His overall plans and goals. Consequently, everything that God does, everything that God allows, is based on His wisdom and might.

Moving into verse 21, Daniel states that God changes the "times and the seasons." This does not refer merely to the advancement of the clock and the relentless march of the seasons, all of which were set in motion by God at the creation of heaven and earth. It indicates how God can

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Pioneer Missionary Richard Johnson: Steadfast Through Trials

Far across the oceans, he stepped onto the shores of New South Wales. He didn't know what lay ahead, but he had traveled the grueling eight-month voyage with a burden on his heart for the souls of the unwanted and unloved. At the young age of thirty-three, Richard Johnson had responded to John Newton's plea and God's call to be the first missionary to the penal colony of Australia.

Back home in England, Johnson had taken on the responsibility of delivering the Gospel to the outcasts of British society. He had poured his heart and soul into the work of the ministry, giving himself to preaching the gospel, ministering to the sick, and doing whatever he could do to help those in need. Here in Australia, difficulties met him at every turn as he put his hand to the plough, yet, he remained faithful. The first service was held under a tree on February 3, 1788. He chose Psalm 116: 12-13 as his scripture text, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."

For the next four to five years, Johnson repeatedly petitioned the governor for a church building, but the petition was denied. He was told that a church was not important enough to warrant the expense. Open air services were all

they had until Johnson decided to build a church with his own money. At the meager price of 67 pounds, or 80 US dollars, a building was erected and utilized for the honor of God in 1793. In a seemingly bleak turn of events, the building was burned down in 1798; however, a new governor had been instated between 1793 and 1798. God used the new governor of the penal colony to have a stone church building erected which lasted for the next fifty-eight years. In 1792, a year before Johnson built the church, he wrote a tract addressed to the prisoners in which he expressed his deepest desires.

The following excerpt is but a small glimpse into this man's heart: "I beseech you, brethren, suffer this word of exhortation. Your souls are precious. They are precious to the Lord Jesus Christ. They are precious in my esteem. O that you were equally sensible of their value."

After twelve years of service, Johnson was advised to return to England due to severe health problems. Not much is said about what happened to Johnson after his return; one might say he disappeared into the pages of history. One thing we do know is that Johnson was faithful; he was faithful to continue proclaiming the gospel of Christ and faithful to let men know that Jesus was the only way to life eternal in heaven. Records show that at least two hun-

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The Richard Johnson Memorial sits on the site of Australia's first church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Roger & Tammy Tooley
Church Planting in England
(Currently on the Field)

John Yingling
General Director
Baptist International Outreach
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Mike & Debby Drust
Church Planting in Albania
(Currently on the Field)

Mt. Pisgah
Bible Printing Ministry
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Oliver Springs, Tennessee

Jim Robideau
Lighthouse Legal Ministries
@ Lighthouse Baptist Church
Ashtabula, Ohio

Jim & Emi Civale
Church Planting in the
Samoan Islands
(Currently on the Field)

Words Worth Considering...



"As I look out across the bow of today's Western culture, I see a lot of slaves. Their minds are infected with the twin viruses of collectivism and statism. Put another way, their religion is secular humanism and they worship the almighty state."

—Leo Hohmann

"I believe that one area that is not preached enough is what might be called foundational Biblical Truth. What I mean by this is the idea of basic Biblical truths that are necessary to understand before a person with a repentant spirit can come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

—Bob Straughan

"The public welfare demands that constitutional cases must be decided according to the terms of the Constitution itself, and not according to judges' views of fairness, reasonableness, or justice."

—Justice Hugo L. Black (1886-1971)

"White kids are taught to hate their whiteness. Boys are taught to hate their masculinity. Girls to hate their femininity. Children of all races and both sexes are taught to hate their country. We push self-loathing onto our kids and then wonder why they are depressed and suicidal."

—Matt Walsh

"Jews were beaten in the streets, not by Nazi soldiers but by their neighbors ... even by children. Because history is edited, most people today don't realize that to get to the point where Nazi soldiers could easily round up thousands of Jews, the government first made their own neighbors hate them simply for being Jews. How is that any different from hating someone for their political views?"

—Actress Gina Carano

"Celebrities are the gods and goddesses of the 20th and 21st centuries."

—David Cloud

"A church is a barren desert [sic], a howling wilderness, full of savage and hateful creatures, if love, unfeigned and ardent, be absent there."

—John C. Ryland (1777)

"It was very important...to witness first-hand how the worldly influences around children can clearly affect them, and harm their understanding of what the Bible really teaches; a bath-tub Ark conveys a fairy tale, not a real historical event."

—Phil Robinson



MINISTRY FOCUS



SAYING GOODBYE



It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye to our good friends and faithful members, Ed and Betty Jones. Mr. Jones went to be with the Lord on February 3rd. Shortly after his passing, Mrs. Jones moved to Tennessee to be with her family there.

Mr. Jones always had a story or two to tell, made any visitors feel welcome, and could always be counted on to help in any way he could. Before visiting our church, he once told me, "If I go to church the roof will fall in!" Not

too long after he started coming we started a remodeling project in the church building and, sure enough, the suspended ceiling came down on his head. If there's coffee in heaven, I'm sure Mr. Jones has a steaming mug right now, swapping stories with those friends and loved ones who have gone on before. Mr. Jones will be missed but some glad morning when this life is over, we'll all fly away to never part again.

Mrs. Jones also helped out in any way she could. She was a quiet, kind, patient person who would do anything she could to help around the church. No one who had them can forget her famous lemon bars at church fellowships. My wife tried making them one time and Mrs. Jones said they were good but later bought Kim a nice stand mixer and said there it would make them better.

They will be missed.

From Ed Jones' Obituary:

Edwin (Eddie) Osborne Jones, age 88 of Richfield, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at the Marymount Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He was buried on Friday, February 12, 2021 at the Fentress Memorial Gardens in Jamestown, Tennessee.

Mr. Jones was born January 11, 1933 in Portsmouth, Ohio. He was a Navy Veteran, having served on the USS Winston AKA-94 and USS Tom Green County LST-1159 during the Korean War. He was a carpenter by profession, but also a mechanic, a truck driver, and a Jack of all trades.

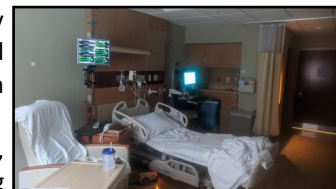
Mr. Jones is survived by his: wife Betty (Sells) Jones, sons Charles Jones and wife Debbie and Terry Jones and wife Katy, and grandchildren Morgan Jones, Taylor Jones, Maddy Jones, Matthew Jones, Sophie (Jones) Baird and husband James.

He is preceded in death by his: father Terry Osborne Campbell, mother Mona (Borders) Campbell, sister Janet Fisher, nephew JR Fisher, and adoptive parents, Charles and Nolda (Borders) Jones.

COMING TOGETHER IN A COVID CRISIS

Kim and I both came down with COVID on January 15. Fortunately, Kim never got very sick and only needed Tylenol for a few days. I, on the other hand, wound up in the hospital for 5 days with COVID caused pneumonia.

Being a small church, with no staff other than myself, it was quite a challenge to keep everything running smoothly while Kim and I were out for 3 weeks. However, people in the church rose to the challenge. Bro. Jarvis led the services and singing, even preaching several times, while his wife ensured that coffee and refreshments were ready. Bro. Somos took care of running Google Meet so that I could participate in the Friday night Bible study and preach during Sunday services when I was able. Then, there were those that picked up the church materials from my house (actually, my truck) and ensured that everything was set up and taken down as needed. Lastly, there were those who continued to faithfully attend and support the services during our absence and the many who held us up in prayer. I cannot thank you all enough! ☩



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change the times and seasons from times of peace to times of war, from seasons of prosperity to seasons of poverty, or whatever God deems best for the advancement and accomplishment of His divine goals and plans.

Verse 21 also states that God, “removeth kings, and setteth up kings.” Although it often may not seem like it, God removes some kings and rulers from power and brings others to power. This seems reasonable when good and just rulers come to power but harder to understand when wicked and unjust rulers take their place. Nevertheless, it happens according to God’s plans and purposes, not ours. God in His wisdom determines which ruler should be in power and through His might brings it to pass.

Let us pause in our examination of Daniel’s statement and look at our current situation in light of it before examining the rest of Daniel 2:20-22.

According to my understanding of the Bible, it seemed like God would have ensured that President Trump won reelection. After all, God says several times in the Bible that He would bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel (Genesis 12:3, 27:29, & Numbers 24:9). Since President Trump has clearly supported the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, probably more than any other American president, it seemed like God would bless him with four more years. But He did not.

In addition, in Proverbs 6:16-19, God lists seven things that He hates and that are an abomination to Him. In verse 17, “hands that shed innocent blood” are listed. What could be more innocent than

the blood of unborn children murdered in their mother’s wombs? Former Vice President Joe Biden, in his long political career did much to promote abortion and overturn pro-life laws. Consequently, he clearly has hands that shed innocent blood. President Donald Trump, on the other hand, was the most pro-life president we have ever had. He did much to protect and defend the lives of unborn babies both at home and abroad. Because of this, it seemed like God would bless President Trump with four more years. But He did not.

It also seemed reasonable that God would bless President Trump with reelection because of his sup-

pen. Why? Because God clearly intervened. Christians began praying and God, in His wisdom and might, intervened in the election. He knew that the Mystery of Iniquity, that Paul spoke about in 2 Thessalonians 2:7, needed to be hindered for several more years. He knew that Hillary, as president, would do much to help rather than hinder the Mystery of Iniquity, whereas Donald Trump would hinder rather than help. Consequently, God intervened, changing the hearts and minds of voters, tampering down election fraud, and raising up Donald Trump as our nation’s 45th president.

Now, apparently, God has changed the times and the seasons. He removed President Trump and set Joe Biden in the White House as our nation’s 46th president. I do not fully understand why God did this but based on Daniel’s statement in Daniel 2:20-22, I trust that God knows better than me why Joe Biden should be president now rather than Donald Trump.

Perhaps it is because it is time to loosen the restraints on the Mystery of Iniquity. After all, if we are truly in the latter part of the latter days, then

God in His wisdom knows that it is time to begin setting people and events in place to set the stage for rise of the antichrist and the one world government, one world economic system, and one world religion of the Tribulation period. President Biden, unlike President Trump with his “Make America Great Again” agenda, has signed on to the globalist Great Reset and seems anxious to roll America right into the globalist agenda. Consequently, God in His wisdom, knew that a Biden presidency is necessary to bring about His divine agenda, getting the world ready for the events that will ultimately lead

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—Daniel 2:20-22

port and defense of Christians and religious freedom. After all, Joe Biden has certainly not been a friend of Christians nor much of a promoter of religious freedom over the years. So, again, it seemed like God would bless President Trump with four more years. But He did not.

That brings us back to our question of “Why?” and how Daniel’s statement in Daniel 2:20-22 can help answer that question. To do so, let us go back to the election of 2016.

In 2016, everyone knew that Hillary Clinton would beat Donald Trump and become our nation’s 45th president. But it did not hap-

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up to Tribulation period and Jesus Christ's return. So, using His might, God removed Donald Trump, who seemed unbeatable a year ago, from office and set Joe Biden in his place.

Now, getting back to Daniel 2:20-22, let us consider the rest of Daniel's statement.

In the last half of verse 21, Daniel says, "he [God] giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding." This is reassuring because it reminds us that God does not want us to be ignorant. God wants us to be wise, knowledgeable, and understanding, but only if we approach Him in the right way.

After all, Psalm 111:10 says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever." And, in Proverbs 15:33, we read, "The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility." If we are willing to approach God with a holy, reverential fear of Who and What He is, with humility and faithful obedience to His commandments, we can confidently pray for wisdom and expect God to give it to us. After all, James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." And, with wisdom, God provides knowledge and understanding: "For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. (Proverbs 2:6)"

Consequently, when we ask why God removed President Trump from office and elevated Joe Biden to the presidency, we should be confident that we can look to God for understanding. As Daniel said, "he [God] giveth wis-

dom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding." But again, we must come to God on His terms, not ours, asking for wisdom and expecting to receive knowledge and understanding.

Daniel 2:20-22 further informs us in verse 22: "He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him." In other words, "deep and secret things," things that are beyond our understanding, God reveals to those who come to Him for wisdom and knowledge. Things that are dark to us, things that we cannot discern, God sees because "the light dwelleth with him." Or, as John puts it in 1 John 1:5, "...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

We may not fully understand why God allowed Joe Biden to become president. Nevertheless, we can trust that God knows what He is doing. We can rest assured that He permitted it to happen because it furthers His divine plans, whether it makes sense to us right now or not. Furthermore, we have confidence that, over time, God will reveal to us why He allowed it to happen and we will then glimpse the deep and secret things that now are shrouded in darkness for us but apparent to God.



Pioneer Missionary Richard Johnson

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dred souls were saved in the twelve years Johnson spent in New South Wales, and even after he left, Johnson's ministry continued.

We may become weary in the work God has given us to do. The future may seem bleak and the labor monotonous, but stay steadfast!

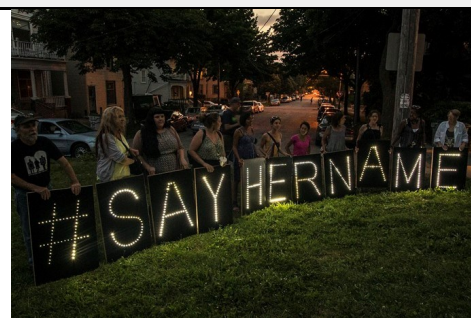
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"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." —H.L. Mencken



BLM's Disturbing Occultic Connection

In a recent article, "Hail Satan": *After Terrorizing Churches, BLM Witchcraft Exposed*, researcher Alex Newman reveals the connection between Black Lives Matter and witchcraft. In his article he quotes BLM Los Angeles founder and California State University Professor of "African Studies" Melina Abdulla who said, "Maybe I'm sharing too much, but we've become very intimate with the spirits that we call on regularly, right...Like, each of them seems to have a different presence and personality, you know. I laugh a lot with Wakisha [a spirit Abdulla communes with], you know. And I didn't meet her in her body, right, I met her through this work."

BLM co-founder Patrice Cullors is also quoted. She describes the "say his name" mantra having deep spiritual significance, "When we say the names, right, so we speak their names, we say her name, say their names, we do that all the time that, you kind of invoke that spirit, and then those spirits actually become present with you..."

This is witchcraft, as well as necromancy and consulting with familiar spirits. No Christian can be involved with such activities. In fact, Deuteronomy 18:10-12 makes it clear that this is an abomination to God:

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.



<p>GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO IS GOOD? "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) • WHO HAS SINNED? "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) • WHERE DID SIN COME FROM? "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12) • WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) • WHAT IS OUR HOPE? "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) • WHAT SHOULD WE DO? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9) • "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) 	<p>SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM • Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM • Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM • (Call for meeting location) • Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM <p>MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Studies & Expository Preaching • World Missions & Local Evangelism • Nursing Home Outreach • Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com • Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: • "Late Night Live with Pastor Al" — Sunday, 11:00 PM • "Live With Pastor Al" — Friday 1:30 PM <p>LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible Baptist Church meets at the Richfield Holiday Inn Express, located at 5171 Brecksville Road, in Richfield, Ohio. • We are located on State Route 21 just off I-77 exit 146, north of the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) exit 173. The Richfield Holiday Inn Express is located next to the Pilot Truck Stop.
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*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. (Psalms 33:12)*