

Jehu and Trump

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Scriptures:

[1 Kings 19:15-17, NKJV] Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also, you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

[2 Kings 9: 1-3, NKJV] And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Get yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead. Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in and make him rise up from among his associates, and take him to an inner room. Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the Lord: "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door and flee, and do not delay."

1. God's cleansing of Israel through Jehu

In 841 B.C., which was 2,862 years from today, God established Jehu, who was a general in Israel, the northern kingdom, as its new military ruler, who destroyed the entire household of king Ahab that had been corrupting the kingdom for decades, thus enabling just retribution for the deaths of many faithful prophets and believers of God. Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, who is a Jewish pastor of Jerusalem Center in New Jersey's famous book, *The Paradigm*, drew serious attention of many American evangelicals by comparing President Trump to General Jehu of Israel some 3,000 years ago. In our study today I will attempt to introduce the salient points of Cahn's bestseller book with particular attention to the fulfillment of biblical prophecies so as to look into his claim that the billionaire-turned president Trump is a modern-day Jehu, whom God has chosen to deliver America from the perils that are besieging the country at this time.

In the first portion of the quoted scripture above [1 Kings 19: 15-17], we read of God visiting the discouraged and depressed prophet Elijah and instructing him to go back to his field of ministry, that is the land of Israel where idol-worship and political corruption were rampant under Ahab and his wife Jezebel, and fulfil three tasks. The first assigned task was to anoint Hazael, who was a general of Syria, as the next king of Syria. The second task was to anoint Jehu, the son of Nimshi, as the new king of Israel. And the third task was to call Elisha as Elijah's successor to take over his ministry. Elijah returned to Israel but failed to carry out the first two missions. He only called out Elisha and had him take over his ministry as the chief prophet of God in Israel before he was lifted up to heaven without tasting death.

The first two tasks of God to Elijah were not easy tasks at all. Both involved telling two generals of Syria and Israel, respectively, to assassinate their own master kings and to destroy their families. In other words, they were to perform a military coup and make themselves as kings. Imagine a Christian pastor visiting a high-ranking military general of the country in secret and telling him, "God has chosen you as the new leader of South Korea. Go and throw down the government and make yourself the new leader of the country." What pastor could carry out such a politically hazardous and serious task? Perhaps because of this reason Elijah did not carry out these two tasks himself but left them in the charge of his successor, Elisha and was raptured to heaven.

Elisha also did not carry out these instructions of God himself. When the Syrian king Ben-Hadad became ill, he sent his general Hazael to Elisha to ask whether he would become well. During this visit by the general whom he was to anoint, Elisha did not anoint him but told him that he would become the next king of Syria [1 Kings 8]. Motivated by the prophecy of Elisha, Hazael assassinated the sick king and made himself the next king of Syria. Elisha also was not willing to anoint Jehu himself, but gave the assignment to one of his disciples who carried out this difficult task

faithfully. Jehu's fellow generals were willing to join in his coup and they formed a powerful revolutionary force. They soon killed king Joram, Ahab's son, 70 other sons of Ahab and the evil queen mother Jezebel [2 Kings 9-10]. Furthermore, Jehu's military group killed the rest of Ahab's entire clan and the priests and worshippers of Baal. Thus, they completed cleansing of the whole country from the filth and pollution that Ahab and his family had caused in the land over many decades. Jehu ruled Israel for 28 years.

2. God uses revolutionary means

Through Elijah and Elisha God established a military revolutionary commander who would perform the work of cleansing the theocratic country of Israel. Why did God use such a drastic measure? It was because the leaders of Israel forsook God, deliberately chose to serve the foreign idols, despised God worship, hated following God's commandments, and chose to go down the path of moral degradation while leading the people under their charge to fall in line with this path of religious and moral deprivation as well. These prolonged acts of moral and religious corruption caused God to hate the leadership of Israel extremely.

We read in the Bible a number of incidents when God chose revolutionary figures and helped them to perform the work of reformation of His chosen people and nation when the conditions required. God instructed Noah to build a large vessel to sustain and preserve life through a year-long, great flood that destroyed everything on the earth. God chose Moses to confront the Egyptian king and lead the millions of people of Israel out of the Egyptian bondage through miracles. Lord God chose Joshua as the next leader to lead the people of Israel to conquer the promised land of Canaan. He chose a number of judges as leaders of the people to fight against the gentile tribes who were oppressing Israel and to gain victories. Later on, when the people of Israel forsook God's rule, He used Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonian kingdom to attack and conquer Judah as a punishment for their intransigence. In 70 A.D. after Lord Jesus' ascension to heaven God caused the Roman military to attack Jerusalem and totally destroy it, thus causing the Christians to scatter to all parts of the Roman Empire carrying the story of the Christian gospel to peoples of those regions.

If God did not hesitate to use military and violent means to have His will fulfilled, why did Lord Jesus teach, "Love your enemies [Matt. 5:44]"? If, in the first few centuries when Christianity was in its infancy, the believers had chosen to fight against the Roman empire and its military so as to gain independence for Israel, how could their actions have impacted the spreading of the gospel? Jesus taught His disciples, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness [Matt 6:33]." Fighting the Romans most certainly would have destroyed the Christendom in its infancy and the evangelical endeavors of the disciples met only extreme persecutions and likely extinction. The apostles of Jesus taught the believers to submit to the political forces in being so that the spiritual kingdom of God could spread while the natural kingdom of Israel suffered humiliation and breakdown.

[Romans 13:1-2] Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will [a]bring judgment on themselves.

[Titus 3:1] Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,

As the apostles taught the Christians of the first century Christians of each era are obliged to submit to the political authority in being as appointed by God, obey the laws of the land and pray that their leaders come to correct understanding of God's principles and plans and to rule the people wisely in accordance with the will of God. On the other hand, when the political and religious leaders of the time have become corrupt, have chosen to serve idols and Satan instead of God, and are leading the people to the pathway of moral and social corruption and deprivation, then it is the responsibility of God's people to plead God to make a change in the leadership.

Wise leaders of the people and the believers are called upon to identify the definite line beyond which the believers' prayers are directed to a change in the nation's leadership so that the power in being be replaced with one that is tuned to God's will and principles instead of Satan's evil design and plans. The role of the people and the

congregation is to identify their leaders who are equipped with godly wisdom and council to guide them in their spiritual supplications and endeavors. Many times, the religious leaders of Israel and Judah failed to carry out this important mission as the spiritual guides in perilous times because they failed to see the wrath of God in play and to trust in His mercy and grace.

A revolutionary leader anointed by God is, like how Jehu and his revolutionary force did some 3,000 years ago, must follow the council and instructions of God with divine courage to confront and crush the forces of the evil and darkness so as to perform the mission of cleansing the nation of evils and to turn the country around to following the principles of God. Such a revolutionary mission is not given to many nor in every generation. This is a method that God has employed over thousands of years based on the needs of the times. It is therefore, God's choice and not men's. True people of God only say, "Amen," and accept the solemn will of the divine.

Before Martin Luther's church reformation movement there were numerous leaders of true Christian faith who opposed the Catholic church's wrongful dominion and oppression. Saint Francis of Assisi, Valdez who was the founder of the Valdensian sect, Jon Huss, and John Wycliff valiantly opposed the pope's forceful dominion over all Christian believers and they were all severely oppressed and persecuted. Erasmus was a great humanitarian scholar of Rotterdam, Netherlands in the 16th century. He criticized the Catholic church's tradition of all kinds of superstitions and insisted that only Jesus Christ must be the moral and spiritual example that the church is called upon to follow and emulate. Erasmus studied and integrated the New Testament Greek language transcripts into a consolidated text, which formed the authoritative text for Wycliff's first English bible and the follow-on King James Bible, which was a monumental English bible translation performed by the Church of England.

Martin Luther, who was a Catholic church priest and professor of theology, posted an open letter of protest in 95 theses on the front door of Wittenberg chapel in Germany on October 31, 1517, thus firing the big gun that launched the religious reformation. Friends, if everyone had submitted to the control of the Catholic church throughout the centuries, could we have come to enjoy the freedom of worship according to the scriptural teachings, of reading the bible as it is, and of knowing the truth of the gospel of Christ as we know today? Most likely all believers would still be bound with the Catholic church's superstitious traditions and papal control and manipulations without true confidence of salvation, without the assurance of our state after death and die in dark hopelessness. The church would still be in control by the hugely corrupt church, spiritually dark, with only an outward form but in substance controlled by Satan. Because Martin Luther was called upon by God and empowered by His divine call of mission, we now have the freedom of worship in spirit and in truth, of freely carrying the gospel to all parts of the world, of enjoying the God-given liberties as His created beings, and of freely praising God for the salvation that came to us from Him directly to us, not via a pope or a priest.

Just as He had one of His servants anoint Jehu to become a revolutionary leader of Israel to overthrow the evil and corrupt leadership of the nation, to reform wrongful worship, and to restore the rock-bottom moral standards of the society to God's standards and ways, we need to pray fervently that God choose and establish such a leader so that the work of true social, political and moral reformation be performed through revolutionary means and plans that we the believers are unable to perform. People have prayed and God acted. The 21st century Jehu has come to the forefront of America. And he is President Donald Trump, the president of the United States of America.

3. President Trump, Jehu of the 21st century

In his bestseller book "The Paradigm" Jonathan Cahn contrasted four people who were top-level leaders of America during the 21st century to another set of four people of ancient Israel some 3,000 years ago in order to support his argument that what happened in ancient Israel are happening here in America in the modern times. Because Cahn's narrative of contrasting the biblical Israel events against the modern American events is so shockingly coincidental, his book drew sensational attention of millions of bible-reading Americans. Here, I wish to

summarize his argument and share the awe that many Christians felt for the systematic biblical analysis that transcend the thousands of years of time span.

The four leaders of ancient Israel are king Ahab, his wife queen Jezebel, king Joram the son of Ahab and general Jehu who rose up in a military coup. The four American leaders of the modern times who are contrasted to the Israeli four are President Clinton, his wife and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, President Obama who became the nation's leader after Clinton, and President Donald Trump of the U.S. currently. The key justification of the equivalence between these two sets of foursomes is mainly based on the coincidences of their respective years in power and actions they performed while in political power positions as summarized below:

- 1) The number of years of Bill Clinton's stay as national leaders was 42 years as the Attorney General of Arkansas, the governor of Arkansas and the president of the U.S. This length of Clinton's political power matches the total 42 years when king Ahab was the king of Israel.
- 2) King Ahab and his wife Jezebel conspired to steal Naboth's vineyard by having him killed. Similarly, the Clinton couple is suspected of acquiring the 200 acres of land in the Ozark Mountains near White River, whereas Vince Foster, who was the legal custodian of this land, died mysteriously. Foster's death is thought to be linked to the Clintons' desire to possess this tract of land.
- 3) Just as Ahab sold himself to do the wickedness before God, Clinton implemented policies of oppressing the Christians, of supporting abortions with federal government money and was caught while performing an immoral sexual act in White House, thus making himself an odious bad example of moral and sexual deprivation of the nation.

[1 Kings 21:25] But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.

- 4) King Joram was in power for 12 years. Likewise, Barrack Obama was in political power for 12 years, first as the U.S. senator, then as president of the U.S.
- 5) King Joram continued his father Ahab's policy of Baal worship and hated God's way. Likewise, President Obama continued to carry out Clinton's policies of opposing God's principles and truth in the nation and pursued policies that helped spread wickedness in the American society at all levels. In particular, Obama strongly supported approval of same-sex marriages, which became to be approved by the U.S. Supreme Court. On the night of the Supreme Court's passing of this infamous judgment, Obama had the White House brightly lit in the rainbow colors in direct confrontation against God because rainbow is God's token of His covenant with the humanity after the great flood of Noah.
- 6) Jezebel was in power for 36 years, first as king Ahab's queen for 22 years, then as queen mother for 14 years after Ahab died. Similarly, Hillary Clinton spent 22 years as the first lady of Bill Clinton in Arkansas and in Washington. Later Hillary spent the next 14 years independently as a U.S. senator, as Secretary of State, and as a presidential candidate.
- 7) Queen Jezebel enthusiastically encouraged and supported the cruel culture of sacrificing little children to Baal. Likewise, Hillary Clinton strongly supported the Planned Parenthood during her husband's presidency and later as a U.S. senator while actively pushing the legislations for supporting the Planned Parenthood, thus she became an iconic champion for the monstrous atrocity of murdering millions of unborn children.

We avoid mentioning other consistencies, but the above should be sufficient to provide credence to Cahn's argument regarding the equivalence of the two foursomes of ancient Israel and of the modern-day America. Now, let us examine the consistencies identified between general Jehu of Israel and President Trump of America.

- 1) Jehu had never had political experience until he was called by God for his mission. Likewise, President Trump had not had a political career before he announced his presidential aspiration in June 2015.

- 2) Just as Jehu was anointed by a prophet of God as the next leader of Israel, Donald Trump was anointed by a group of evangelical Christian leaders of America who prayed for God's help for Trump's victory and they prophesied on success of his political future.
- 3) Just as Jehu attacked king Joram without any warning as soon as he entered the Israeli political world, presidential candidate Trump commenced attacks on Barack Obama.
- 4) Just as Jehu successfully formed his revolutionary team in alliance with Jehonadab, a recognized man of God in Israel, candidate Trump brought in Michael Pence, the devout evangelical Christian governor of Indiana into his winning team, thus garnering the widespread support of America's evangelical Christian community in the 2016 election.
- 5) Just as Jehu employed aggressive military tactics against Ahab's family and the corrupt idol-worshipping religious faction of Israel, Donald Trump has exhibited highly combative, aggressive tactics against the extreme-left, the leftist Democratic Party, the leftist fake media and the Deep State, which is controlling the leftist movements in the country.
- 6) When Jehu rose up in a revolution, he was quickly joined by the military generals and much of the general populace so that he could drive to the royal palace and take over the political power. Likewise, Donald Trump, though he had had no political alliances, won the presidential election against the expectation of the left and most of the media and entered the White House as the 45th president of the U.S.
- 7) Just as Jehu sought to reform the political corruption and the religious deprivation of Israel, President Trump has endeavored to reform America under the two mottos, 'Drain the Swamp' and 'Make America Great Again,' seeking to eliminate political corruption, to rectify the unfavorable international trade regimes, to eliminate oppression of religious freedom and to restore the Christian values in the American society.
- 8) Jonathan Cahn predicts that, just as Jehu's coup culminated with the gruesome death of queen-mother Jezebel, Trump's reform endeavors will bring about the political and personal destruction of Hillary Clinton.

4. 2020 Election and American Christians

Donald Trump was by no means a favored choice for many voters, particularly for the young people. He was viewed as a flamboyant, sexist, white-supremacist, rich guy who had political ambitions. In spite of the outward impressions that Trump presented to the general public, some 80 percent of American evangelical Christians voted for Trump in the 2016 presidential election for the following two reasons:

First, although Donald Trump was not what you would call a 'devout' Christian, he repented and sought to regain true Christian faith. Evangelical Christian leaders met with him and recognized the sincerity in him, recognized him as a chosen vessel of God and blessed him by laying their hands on him and praying for God's blessing and help for him.

Secondly, although Donald Trump was not an ideal candidate because of his lack of political experience, his sincere message of wanting to clean out corruption from the Washington political world gave a fresh hope to many American voters who had been sick and tired of the 'swamp' in the American politics. Trump was untainted by the existing political food chain, was free from temptations of money and was a straight shooter who favored Tweeting in stead of relying on the corrupt main media. To many voters Trump looked like a strong fighter who will fight and clean out the Washington political machinery on their behalf, whereas Hillary Clinton only represented 'the swamp.'

The 2020 election is highly crucial not only to the successful completion of the national renovation of America but also as the mighty force to ensure freedom and democracy in the free world around the globe. Obama-Biden administration had driven the world into chaos, helped the Chinese Communist Party grow fiscally, militarily and in its uncontrolled aggression to the peace-loving democratic nations of the world, and given the time and resources for Iran and North Korea to build their nuclear weapons arsenal while helping the gangster regimes continue to

oppress their peoples and rob them of the God-given liberties of seeking a better life. It is the choice that faces every American voter to make a wise choice that will enable the Trump-Pence team to continue their God-given 'good work' of fulfilling the divine mission in America and in the world. Let us prayerfully consider our responsibility and act based on wisdom from above. Amen.