

<u> 2 Timothy 4 AMPC</u>

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, <u>Who is to</u> judge the living and the dead, and <u>by (in the light of) His coming</u> and <u>His kingdom:</u>

2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold.

4 <u>And will turn aside from hearing the truth</u> and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand and I will soon go free.

7 I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.

8 [As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me and recompense me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and yearned for and welcomed His appearing (His return). 9 Make every effort to come to me soon.

10 For Demas has deserted me for love of this present world and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens [has gone] to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very helpful to me for the ministry.

12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

13 [When] you come, bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, also the books, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great wrongs. The Lord will pay him back for his actions.

15 Beware of him yourself, for he opposed and resisted our message very strongly and exceedingly.

16 At my first trial no one acted in my defense [as my advocate] or took my part or [even] stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them!

17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the [Gospel] message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was delivered out of the jaws of the lion.

18 [And indeed] the Lord will certainly deliver and [a]draw me to Himself from every assault of evil. He will preserve and bring me safe unto His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

19 Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila and to the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus stayed on at Corinth, but Trophimus I left ill at Miletus.

21 Do hasten and try your best to come to me before winter. Eubulus wishes to be remembered to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace (God's favor and blessing) be with you. Amen (so be it).

Romans 1:16 AMPC

16 **For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ**, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

Paul was in prison, several attempts his life... religion and government tried to shut him down for speaking the truth not politically but Biblically and as a result... By speaking and living God's Truth both religion and government working together were exposed for their wickedness.

What was in the dark came into the light and the leaders of the Beast systems or Empire/Kingdom of Rome working with the religion leaders were killing christians - those who believed that was Jesus that rose from the dead and lived a life obedient to God's Word.

From politics, economics, social issues, homosexuality, sexual perversion, same sex marriage, sexual identity... there are reasons why many Pastor's have not taught Biblically about the things that are taking place politically just as they have stayed quiet or twisted the truth about sin, judgement and righteousness and many don't believe the Bible is true.

In this series we will address the Biblical issues that many in the church are calling political and allowing feelings/emotions to reason away God's Word. What does God's Word say about global warming, capital punishment, socialism, the right to bear arms, national sovereignty, individual responsibility, racism, marriage, immigration, economic, social, and foreign affairs and many other issues? God's Word tells you and I, followers of Jesus Christ that "in everything we do, in word and deed, do it all in the name of the Lord" (Colossians 3:17).

Matthew 24:11 AMPC

11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.

Some pastors don't know what is going on, some don't care, some are deceived and a few, not many, will speak the truth. From pressures by their boards, people in the church, money, home life distractions, deceived themselves... I'm not trying to judge their motives, God's Word tells us the "why" however - the end result is the same.

Hosea 4:6 AMPC

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

Why are God's people destroyed? Lack knowledge. This is not to put all the responsibility on the pastor, preacher and teacher. Follower's of Christ need to be studying and living the instruction on God's Word.

The "Never Wrong" Prophet Isaiah tells us some of the "why" are God's people lacking knowledge...

<u>Isaiah 56:10-12 AMPC</u>

10 [Israel's] watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, they love to slumber.

11 <u>Yes, the dogs are greedy</u>; they never have enough. And such are the shepherds who cannot understand; <u>they have all turned to their own</u> <u>way, each one to his own gain,</u> from every quarter [one and all].

12 Come, say they, We will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink! <u>And tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond</u> <u>measure.</u>

We need people in authority in all places who do what is right according to God's Word...

Proverbs 29:2 KJV

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn

Proverbs 29:2 AMPC

2 When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.

It's impossible to be habitually righteous if you have no knowledge of what that is - God Word is right or righteous.

<u>Hosea 4:6 AMPC</u> 6 <u>My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:</u>

There are examples all throughout the Word of what happens when the righteous, warnings out of love, quote Gods Word. Once again, we are looking at: Where is the United States today, and where is it headed, and why is it headed in that direction. There are patterns all throughout the Word...

John the Baptist in (Mark 6:14-29) warned Herod about his illegal marriage and John the Baptist was later beheaded by Herod under the pressure of the daughter of Herodias who danced before him.

<u>Mark 6:27 KJV</u>

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

This what is says in Isaiah about the condition of a nation that turns it's back on God.

<u>Isaiah 30:9-10 AMPC</u>

9 For this is a rebellious people, faithless and lying sons, children who will not hear the law and instruction of the Lord;

10 Who [virtually] say to the seers [by their conduct], See not! and to the prophets, Prophesy not to us what is right! Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceitful illusions.

Seer: a person who is supposed to be able, through supernatural insight, to see what the future holds

Scratch our itching ears... tell us what we want to hear. This is where I lay my foundation down for this series. As a nation, a big problem has been at the pulpit. The pastor's preachers and teachers have not preached and declared what they need to preach and as a result, the church is divided not on the political but ultimately what is Biblical.

It was that way in the Old Testament in Israel and it is being repeated today in America. There are many different patterns throughout America today that we can see mimic that of ancient civilizations.

From economics, how we run our government, our founders were very enamored with the Greco-Roman world. We have a senate because the Romans had a senate along with many other similarities that we will get into later on in this series.

America is a melting pot and very eclectic in the sense that we have adopted many things from ancient empires. As a result, we can take God's Word and find the parallels that will help us if we choose, to take the right or righteous path back to Him as a church and be a witness to a nation that has become very wicked.

America has the spiritual patterns of ancient Israel, we have 16 parallels from the ancient Roman Empire. We have the symbols of the ancient Grecian and Roman Empires on the buildings in Washington D.C. along with the Egyptian imagery on our currency.

America, as a melting pot have people from all ancient empires of Bible prophecy that are living here, calling this home. This means that the patterns from ancient empires will be found in what is happening in the United States.

The end is told by telling us the beginning...

<u>Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC</u>

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

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Ecclesiastes 3:15 AMPC

15 That which is now already has been, and that which is to be already has been; and God seeks that which has passed by [so that history repeats itself].

Ecclesiastes 3:15 KJV

15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

When you go back to the beginning in God's Word and read it, and understand it, it is there to tell you and I what is going to happen not just at the Time of the End but all throughout history when a nation is obedient to God or disobedient and when the spiritual leaders are for or against God.

The "Old Testament" is not just a historical record of what happened thousands of years ago. The Old Testament is actually a prophetic statement. It establishes those patterns, it establishes the concepts and precepts.

For instance, in Genesis Chapter 22, many people will read this story and all they will see is a historical record of how Abraham took his son Isaac up to the top of the hill to offer him up as a sacrifice. But, this is a pattern, it is prophetic in nature. It is foretelling us of Jesus the Messiah and how He, the promised seed, would walk up to the top of that mountain carrying that tree and He would be lifted up. You and I can't just look at the text and say - it's just a story about the past...the nature of God's Word is Prophetic from the beginning to the end.

Part one and now part two of this series is foundational for the entirety of this series. There are things that we have and are going to go over in God's Word and must understand that it is Prophetic, it's our protection and it is God Himself.

The first 5 books of the Old Testament or books of Moses to the Jewish people is also known as the Torah or the Law of God. There are curses in those 5 books that have repeated themselves in America. But, many people will say, why are you going thru the Old Testament and pulling out the law which, "has been done away with"? This is a common reaction or phrase in America's Christian churches. I want to show you why you go to the 5 books of Moses.

In Deuteronomy Chapter 28 and Leviticus Chapter 19 as an example, God says if you obey me, here's your blessing. If you disobey me and my commands or covenant, here's what is going to happen.

In these passages it says curse by disobedience to God's Word. The **Hebrew word of curse means: to stop the flow; to jamb up a river so there is not a flow coming. As a result of America in general but the church specifically in disobedience**, HIS blessing stopped so many have to rely on government to keep the flow going. Government has become God to many or their supply.

When you are under a curse from God it means that He has stopped the favor or flow of blessing towards a nation or towards a group of people. When that happens... bad things occur because the hedge has been lifted.

During this series for all the Biblical issues that the unbeliever and many in the church call political, we are going to look at why we use not just the New Testament but the Old Testament as well. Many are saying that our constitution is old and needs updating as well...you'll see the parallels as we go.

1. All Scripture Is Given By God

<u>2 Timothy 3:16 KJV</u>

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Timothy 3:16 AMPC

16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),

All scripture means everything... all 66 books of the Bible.

2. The "Old" Doesn't Mean Outdated

We are the ones that call it "Old Testament" and "New Testament". It is all the Word of God. The Bible, God Himself, calls it "the scriptures". In the New Testament as we call it, when it refers to the Old Testament, it never says "in the Old Testament".

James 2:8 KJV

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

James 2:8 AMPC

8 If indeed you [really] fulfill the royal Law in accordance with the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as [you love] yourself, you do well.

In the United States especially, when we here old we think antiquated, outdated or no longer useful. But, if you were to go through the New Testament and extract all the times that Jesus quoted the Old Testament, that Paul quoted the Old Testament and all the other apostles, you wouldn't have much New Testament left.

You prove Jesus is the Messiah not by the New Testament, not in their day because the New Testament didn't even exist in Paul's day. When they referred to the Word of God it was Genesis through Malachi. That is what they used to prove who Jesus was.

On the road to Emmaus look what it said that Jesus did. He expounded to them Luke 24:27.

<u>Luke 24:27 KJV</u>

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:27 AMPC

27 Then beginning with Moses and [throughout] all the Prophets, He went on explaining and interpreting to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning and referring to Himself.

3. Patterns In The Old Testament Are Repeated In America

During this series you will see this for yourself because...

Ecclesiastes 1:9 AMPC

9 The thing that has been—it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

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If you want to know what is going to happen in the future you go back to the past. The history of the world is in the Book of Genesis.

4. 1/3 Of The Old Testament Prophecies Haven't Yet Happened

Should we just get rid of Genesis through Malachi because it is in the "Old Testament"? If you do, how to you prove the creation story, how to you prove that there was a flood? You have to go to Genesis to do that. You and I can't pick and choose...we can't say Genesis is good but Deuteronomy isn't good, it means nothing. This also goes along with commandments and covenants or the difference between a commandment and a covenant.

I've heard many people say that Jesus did away with the 10 Commandments that are found in Exodus Chapter 20 and Deuteronomy Chapter 5.

But, if you go to the New Testament you will find all of the "10 Commandments" listed throughout the scriptures. Jesus said something in Matthew 22 in order to fulfill these commandments.

<u>Matthew 22:37-40 KJV</u>

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

<u>Matthew 22:37-40 AMPC</u>

37 And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).

38 This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.

40 These two commandments sum up and upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.

So, if you love the Lord with all your heart then you're not going to sin against God. Love your neighbor as yourself and you're not going to sin against your neighbor. So, if you're not sinning against God or not sinning against your neighbor you will keep the commandments.

The body of Christ needs to understand that all of God's Word is for today. As our country is approaching an election for a new President, our motto is a Nation which is "Under God". The church can not afford to throw out parts of God's Word and expect to be blessed. We are at a pivotal moment as a nation and for those who called themselves followers or Jesus Christ or The WORD.

Matthew 5:18 KJV

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:18 AMPC

18 For truly I tell you, until the sky and earth pass away and perish, not one smallest letter nor one little hook [identifying certain Hebrew letters] will pass from the Law until all things [it foreshadows] are accomplished.

Matthew 24:35 KJV

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

I'm looking around and heaven and earth have not passed away...so, that means not one thing, not even the tinniest of thing in Gods Word has been dismissed or past away.

John 5:46 KJV

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me.

John 5:46 AMPC

46 For if you believed and relied on Moses, you would believe and rely on Me, for he wrote about Me [personally].

Why would we throw out something, abandon something, discard something that teaches us about Jesus.

<u>Luke 16:31 KJV</u>

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:31 AMPC

31 He said to him, If they do not hear and listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded and convinced and believe [even] if someone should rise from the dead.

Why is this important to what we are talking about? The reason that America is in crisis is because we are becoming a lawless nation - absent of God's Laws. Lawlessness is now becoming the law.

America and the Church have abandoned the law of the land, the constitution which is a reflection of God's People who are taking God's Word and picking and choosing what they believe to be truth. We like this law or agree with it but don't like this one and call it old or antiquated and find a way around it or vote that its not longer a truth.

If the church doesn't believe that the New Testament and the Old Testament are for today, then the church and God's People shouldn't be surprised when our children are buying into the lie of evolution, redefining marriage and making things that God says are unlawful, lawful.

In this series, we are going to uncover what the enemy has been trying to hide. To right the areas that we have been wrong and to be in unity as the body of Christ through His Word to bring back the Hedge on America.

Many people have asked me about the United States and End Time prophecy. They've asked has God taking His hand off of America? or, are we just going through a cyclical time for the nation. Is this just a season politically? Or are we just going thru some type of political, economic cycle that all nations go through throughout history?

<u>Isaiah 5:5 KJV</u>

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

Isaiah 5:5 AMPC

5 And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten and burned up; and I will break down its wall, and it shall be trodden down [by enemies]. President Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, read this passage after the Civil War because he believed it was a reference to the United States of America. President Lincoln said that we, the United States, are God's Vineyard and because of the Civil War the hedge had been broken down. God wanted to restore His vineyard back to its proper place and proper unity.



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