

Common Greetings — *Against the Rules of Nations*

Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries all around her. And *she has rebelled against my rules by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries all around her*; for they have rejected my rules and have not walked in my statutes. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: *Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are all around you, and have not walked in my statutes or obeyed my rules, **and have not even acted according to the rules of the nations that are all around you***, therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, even I, am against you. And I will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. And *because of all your abominations I will do with you what I have never yet done, and the like of which I will never do again*. Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments on you, and any of you who survive I will scatter to all the winds. Therefore, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will withdraw. My eye will not spare, and I will have no pity. A third part of you shall die of pestilence and be consumed with famine in your midst; a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds and will unsheathe the sword after them. (Ezek 5:5–12 emphasis and double emphasis added)

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The *Jerusalem* that the Lord God addresses is greater than the people of the House of Judah: the polis *Jerusalem* represents both a land and its people that together formed the shadow and copy of heavenly Jerusalem, the city of God that is above and about which the Apostle Paul said is the mother of all Christians (Gal 4:26). So an endtime Christian needs to understand that the linguistic icon

<Jerusalem> in Holy Writ represents two referents, the earthly city and its inhabitants that was and that remains in the nation-state of Israel as well as the greater Christian Church in the Abyss, that portion of the heavenly realm in which the creation has occurred. For Christians, when born of God, have living inner selves that correspond to the peoples of ancient Israelites and have mortal outer selves that correspond to the temple of God in ancient Israel. Even when Christians are not truly born of God but remain sons of disobedience—their transgression of the Sabbath commandment being *prima facie* evidence that they have not been born of God as sons—the inner selves of Christians correspond to the peoples of ancient Jerusalem, the peoples who rebelled against the rules of the Lord God and did more wickedness than the nations surrounding the polis of ancient Jerusalem.

A nation is a collection of individuals dwelling on a particular piece of geographical real estate. A city is also a people dwelling at a geographical location. A *church* is an assembly of individuals believing a particular ideology, with the ideology forming a particular location in a collective mental topography. Hence, the Church that Jesus built—the Body of Christ—is the ideology/theology based on the movement of breath that gives life from the nostrils to the heart, or said in other words, is based upon receipt of a second breath of life, the breath of God [πνεῦμα Θεοῦ] in the breath of Christ [πνεῦμα Χριστοῦ] as shown in the inscription of two names, John [Ἰωάνν-] and Jonah [Ἰωάν] where aspiration moves from in front of the nasal consonant [άν] to behind the nasal consonant [νάν].

With God, earthly nations and physical geography forms the visible shadow and type of invisible mental landscapes and the assemblies holding the ideas and beliefs forming the plains, the hills, the mountains of the world's collective landscape. Therefore, ancient Israel in Egypt, in the wilderness, and then in the Promised Land—in each geographical location representing the firstborn son of the Lord (Ex 4:22)—forms the shadow and type of the greater Christian Church, with slavery in Egypt corresponding to consignment to disobedience, and by extension, to death of the Body of Christ.

The United States of America is a nation greater than the geographical lands it claims; for part of America is the idea of freedom, of personal liberty, of opportunity, of a leveling of social classes: America's Declaration of Independence declares, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" (2nd paragraph, 1st sentence). And at its formation America was a Christian nation although not a nation of one denomination or sect: it was pluralistically *Christian*, composed of ideologies that functioned as if they were individuals. And in addressing America in the 21st-Century a person must be able to mentally equate the peoples of ancient Jerusalem to the ideologies composing modern America, which is presently witnessing perhaps the longest presidential election campaign that has ever been conducted.

President Barak Hussein Obama began campaigning for reelection the very day he took the oath of office, and today, three years later, he is on the stump employing the full resources of the Federal Government in an effort to win reelection and to transform America into a more-equal society, one in which all struggle to survive; one in which fathers will eat sons because of the abominations committed in the name of human dignity ... pause for a moment, for I leaped over a few steps in an otherwise orderly presentation of ideas: if ancient earthly Jerusalem forms the shadow and copy of greater Christendom—and it does—then greater Christendom has rebelled against the Lord and has committed repeated abominations. America doesn't represent endtime Israel (greater Christendom), but does reflect the faults of endtime Israel which is far larger than the United States. However, because of the ideological constructs underpinning America's foundation, America better reflects the status of greater Christendom than does any other single nation; for on stage in tonight's Republican presidential debates will be an Arian Christian and three Trinitarians, two of whom are Catholics and one of whom is a Protestant. And that is an approximate representation of greater Christendom. And whichever candidate emerges from the Republican nominating process will face President Obama who has yet to convince a portion of the electorate that he is a Protestant Christian, that he is not a Muslim.

But President Obama isn't of great importance: he is an intelligent man who hates imperialism, a hatred inherited from his father and his grandfather—he is his grandfather's son as I am my grandfather's son, with my grandfather being of Old German Baptist descent and a subsistence farmer in northern Indiana.

President Obama was elected to change America, to bring America to her knees, to humble America in the sight of all nations; for a democracy elects its tyrants, those individuals whom God permits to rule—and when a nation allegedly committed to the ideology of Christ Jesus turns its back to the Son of Man, that nation can expect God to ensure that a person committed to the destruction of the nation ascends to power. In His execution of judgment on a rebellious people, the people themselves will cause their own undoing. And President Obama has strived—when he wasn't on vacation—to bankrupt the United States as he continues the foreign policies of previous presidents in acting against *the rules of the nation that are all around* America.

Whether it is from hubris or narcissism, President Obama authorizes bombing the nation's enemies and conducting missile strikes against individuals in sovereign nations in defiance of international law and without respect for the right of sovereignty that foreign nations inherently possess ... was this not what the former Soviet Union did when its undercover NKVD agent Ramón Mercader killed Leon Trotsky [born Lev Davidovich Bronshtein] with an ice pick in Mexico in August 1940? And that is the relative difference between 21st-Century United States and early 20th-Century Russia: missile strikes from predator drones versus a hand delivered blow by an ice pick concealed in a raincoat.

In the South Carolina Republican primary election debate sponsored by Fox News and the Wall Street Journal, Texas Congressman Ron Paul was asked about

his foreign policy positions, and his answer that we—the United States—should treat other nations by the same standard as we want treated was soundly rejected by both audience and the other candidates on stage with Paul, who suggested that a Golden Rule of international law should apply in our dealings with foreign nations that harbor avowed enemies, being unable to adequately defend his Libertarian principles.

America collectively supports the foreign policy implemented by President George W. Bush of killing enemies of the United States wherever and whenever they can be located and identified, a policy that President Obama has continued, and a policy President Obama employed in killing Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in May 2011, with killing bin Laden being a major plank in Obama's sinking ship of state. And America collectively supports sending its Armed Forces onto foreign lands without declarations of war, but the reality of this policy is that America presently is the world's largest debtor, a nation on the verge of fiscal collapse. Regardless of who is elected President this year, the nation that American citizens have known will not long continue. Austere financial cuts will have to be made. The social safety net will see ever larger holes opening up, holes that result in civil chaos. Either that or this whole financial house of cards will collapse, and a new totalitarian nation will emerge from the rubble of the United States as the Soviet Union emerged from the rubble of Tsarist Russia and the White Republic, and as Nazi Germany emerged from the rubble of the Weimar Republic.

But again, the United States of America is NOT endtime Israel: the greater Christian Church is. At best, America only reflects the problems embedded within greater Christendom.

While the greater Christian Church in America has been solidly pro-intervention, with Evangelical Christians in Iowa and in South Carolina forming perhaps the largest voting block in both states—whoever wins the Republican nomination has to enjoy the support of Protestant Christendom as well as have considerable support within Catholic Christendom, both Trinitarian ideologies, with Romney being a Mormon, an Arian Christian sect, remaining his Achilles' heel and being the reason Romney has problems polling well in states that have active Trinitarian fellowships—the greater Christian Church is not the United States of America but is far larger than is America; hence, those things that are to happen to endtime Israel will envelop the United States and will overwhelm the irreligious. Therefore, no reason really exists for American Christians to fret about gay marriage or the occupy-Wall-Street movement or the Delta Smelt. All of these things are surpassed by Christendom's own lawlessness and rebellion against God.

The significant point in Paul's *tour de force* allegory of outwardly circumcised Israel being of Hagar, earthly Jerusalem, whereas Christians are Isaac, who is of heavenly Jerusalem, lays in earthly Jerusalem forming a shadow and copy of heavenly Jerusalem as Ishmael formed an earthly [natural] shadow and copy of Isaac ... by its own claims, Islam is of Ishmael, Abraham's natural firstborn son that should have had receive the primogenitor right of inheritance. And here is where Holy Writ becomes interesting; for Islam as an ideology will cease to exist

before the Millennium begins, but Muslims as a people will form a significant portion of the glorified firstfruits of God, meaning that Muslims as a people will make two journeys of faith within the seven endtime years, the first into Arian Christendom and the second into the Church of God where they will keep the commandments and their faith in Christ Jesus.

Today, it is difficult to comprehend roughly two billion Muslims becoming Sabbatarian Christians within a seven year period, but then there won't be two billion Muslims for their natural and legal firstborns will be slain at the beginning of these seven years and a third part of them will be slain halfway through the seven years and just before the spirit of God is poured out on all flesh. Therefore, the two billion will become about 700 million, all born of God and filled with the spirit of God and the mind of Christ; for the Lord's promise made to Hagar will be kept: the Lord will make from Ishmael a great nation for Abraham's sake (Gen 21:18).

The natural descendants of Isaac neglected their birthright and rebelled against the Lord, who then delivered the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem into the hands of its enemies. Likewise, spiritual *Isaac*—the greater Christian Church—has become like the natural descendants of Isaac whom Paul equated with Ishmael. And here is where Paul's allegory is surprising: as greater Christendom is to natural Israel as Isaac was to Ishmael, the circumcised-of-heart Church of God is to greater Christendom as Isaac was to Ishmael. And when the single kingdom of this world is given to the Son of Man halfway through the seven endtime years, all of remaining humankind will be filled with the spirit of God and will be to today's people of the Book as Isaac was to Ishmael. Thus, to God in this present era, a lawless Christian, an unbelieving Jew, and wild Muslim are equally dead spiritually, with only their order of resurrection from death separating one from the other.

Muslims will be born of God when the spirit of God is poured out on all flesh (Joel 2:28), and these peoples will form the majority of the harvest of glorified firstfruits because they haven't dragged the name of Christ Jesus through the fires of Molech as ancient Israelites burned their firstborn children at the edge of Jerusalem.

No Christian ministry needs to preach the gospel of Christ Jesus to greater Islam: Christians need to clean up their own act, need to cease transgressing the commands of God, need to apply the Golden Rule to all people and to all nations; for Christians would not want to have Unitarian Islam killing converts to Trinitarian Christianity that have escaped from Saudi Arabia and have resettled in South Carolina with car bombs ... the Mormon founder Joseph Smith was lynched in Illinois because of his rejection of Trinitarian Christianity, not because of his banking practices that were less than honorable; so America has as part of its history the practice of killing religious dissenters, the reason my ancestors—mother and father—fled England and Europe in the 17th-Century. But where can a religious dissenter flee today, when the United States will assassinate one of its own citizens (admittedly, a bad guy) in Yemen without a trial? How does the United States in a hailstorm of HELFIRE II missiles killing Anwar al-

Awlaki in Yemen differ from the Soviet Union killing Leon Trotsky in Mexico? Are both justified under the *Bush Doctrine*, the question that Sarah Palin couldn't answer in 2008 (*What is the Bush Doctrine*)? And the question that Ron Paul challenges in his advocacy for an International Golden Rule.

Anabaptists are pacifists, applying literally Jesus' answer to Pilate's question:

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "*My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews.* But my kingdom is not from the world." (John 18:33–36 emphasis added)

The kingdom of the heavens—the single kingdom of this world that will be given to the Son of Man halfway through the seven endtime years of tribulation—is not a kingdom of this present world; hence, Jesus' servants are not today fighting for any kingdom of this present world: they do not fight for America or against America; they do not fight for Germany or against Germany; they do not fight for England or against England, and the same can be said about every other nation of this present world. Jesus' disciples simply do not participate in the politics of this world.

I didn't begin my adult life as a pacifist: I tried to enlist three times during the Vietnam War, and my draft board tried to send me to Vietnam three additional times. But each time I was turned down, and I was disappointed. But I didn't then realize that I wasn't supposed to participate in the affairs of this world, a realization that slowly came to me while living aboard a small boat in Dutch Harbor the fall and winter of 1979. I was literally a sojourner in this present world, holding no ownership position in the affairs of this world—and having no desire to hold an ownership position. I fished as the weather allowed, and I made enough money that I could drink coffee and eat a bowl of chili nightly at the UniSea Inn. I had time to think, to read, and to begin writing, and this after three years of working every waking moment that wasn't Sabbath when on the Kenai Peninsula. My shop on Poppy Lane was a half mile from the Kenai River, and for three years I didn't have time to wet a line. My wife caught salmon; my daughters caught salmon; but I was overwhelmed with engines to repair and customers that needed their motors fixed yesterday.

Both of my brothers were in the Navy: Ben was a Seabee; Ken was a naval medical doctor stationed for part of his enlistment in Hawaii. But my draft classification was 1-Y, meaning that the North Vietnamese Army would have to invade California before the military wanted me.

After being drafted into the Body of Christ in 1972, I began to realize how fortunate I had been that I hadn't used my shooting skills, which in the late 1960s were considerable, to kill other men. I began to change in who I was, which is as it should be when a person is truly born of God, and by the time I began to write

while tied to the Old Sub Dock at Dutch, seven years after being drafted, I better understood my Anabaptist heritage, and as a Sabbatarian Anabaptist, I began to embrace pacifism ... President Obama is simply the elected tyrant that rules by Executive Order over the physical landscape on which I temporarily dwell. In many respects—not all—President Obama is no different than the Habsburg Charles V, the *Römisch-Deutscher Kaiser* [Roman-German Emperor] responsible for the martyrdom of hundreds of 16th-Century Anabaptists in Central Europe. Instead of receiving the title of *Emperor of the Romans* as Charles V held, President Obama is America's first *Green* President, a title he has taken to himself as he spurns additional Canadian oil and favors electric automobiles that few want and solar panel manufacturers that are unable to compete with Chinese companies.

Four years ago, President Obama campaigned on the slogan, *Change you can believe in*, and indeed, he has sought to change America by collapsing its currency, the currency used by the so-called imperialistic nations of this world. If President Obama is successful in his efforts to collapse the currency this spring, there will be no elections in the fall. If unsuccessful, the damage has already been done so regardless of whether he wins reelection, America will enter next year as a changed nation, a polarized nation; for a President Romney will be no less of a polarizing figure than is President Obama. Only, a President Romney will unintentionally introduce Christianity into the polarizing lenses that divide *haves* from *have-nots*, Whites from Blacks, and with his election, Trinitarians from Arians; whereas President Obama with his *black liberation theology* appears to be an irreligious president, thereby coalescing most all Christians against him.

More than a century after the house of Israel went into captivity, with the Assyrians transporting the remnant of this northern kingdom into regions around the Black Sea,

The word of the LORD came to me [Ezekiel]: "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and the hills, to the ravines and the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain before your idols. And I will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones around your altars. Wherever you dwell, the cities shall be waste and the high places ruined, so that your altars will be waste and ruined, your idols broken and destroyed, your incense altars cut down, and your works wiped out. And the slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am the LORD. / Yet I will leave some of you alive. When you have among the nations some who escape the sword, and when you are scattered through the countries, then those of you who escape will remember me among the nations where they are carried captive, how I have been broken

over their whoring heart that has departed from me and over their eyes that go whoring after their idols. And they will be loathsome in their own sight for the evils that they have committed, for all their abominations. And they shall know that I am the LORD. I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them." / Thus says the Lord GOD: "Clap your hands and stamp your foot and say, Alas, because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel, for they shall fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. He who is far off shall die of pestilence, and he who is near shall fall by the sword, and he who is left and is preserved shall die of famine. Thus I will spend my fury upon them. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when their slain lie among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, under every green tree, and under every leafy oak, wherever they offered pleasing aroma to all their idols. And I will stretch out my hand against them and make the land desolate and waste, in all their dwelling places, from the wilderness to Riblah. Then they will know that I am the LORD."
(Ezek 6:1–14)

The Lord's anger at the abominations that the people of Israel committed in their land was not satisfied when these people were driven from the land as slaves. His intent was to pursue the people of Israel and to bring ruin on them wherever they dwelt. He would leave only a remnant alive, a remnant that would loathe their former ways and begin to worship the Lord in truth and in righteousness—

Again, natural Israel forms the shadow and copy of greater Christendom, with natural Israel—like greater Islam—being to Christendom as Ishmael was to Isaac. Thus, how shall endtime disciples read the Lord, the God of the living, setting His face against the mountains of Israel? Shall endtime disciples not read these prophecies against a rebellious nation of Israel as prophecies against the endtime Christian Church, not an endtime nation such as the United States of America? Indeed, that is how they should be read, with the abominations of the house of Israel being moved from worshiping sticks and stones, the idols of the native peoples of Canaan, to Christians worshiping demons and the works of their hands. And greater Christendom does worship demons, a charge that the Apostle John supports:

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. *The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.* Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. *And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.* You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. *No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has*

either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. *Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil,* for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. *No one born of God makes a practice of sinning,* for God's seed abides in him, and *he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.* *By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil:* whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (1 John 3:1–11 emphasis added)

Sin is lawlessness; is not believing God (see Rom 14:32 in Greek) — and a command of God is to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy ... the Christian who does not keep the Sabbath holy practices lawlessness and is not born of God regardless of what this person believes about him or herself. This lawless person might well be, in this world, a good person, a person filled with love for neighbor and brother, but if this person identifies him or herself as a disciple of Christ, this person worships the Adversary, not Christ Jesus. This person is a child of the devil rather than a slave of the devil. And this person does in the heavenly realm what the ancient nation of Israel did in this earthly realm.

Greater Christendom needs to see itself through the looking glass of Scripture, not denying that Christians worship demons but questioning why Christians would worship demons; why Christians would support the present prince of this world; why Christians would try to correct the faults of America's democratic rule; why Christians would seek to replace President Obama with another flawed human being who will also do the bidding of the prince of the power of the air? And that is exactly what they do when they support any candidate, Republican or Democrat or Libertarian.

All social ills stem from flawed theology—

The Unabomber, Dr. Theodore John “Ted” Kaczynski, used his detachment and alienation from industrial society to engage in a mail bombing campaign spanning twenty years and killing three people while injuring two dozen more. Despite his brilliance, Kaczynski never understood that the enemy he sought to kill was inside himself; was his inner self that was a slave to the Adversary, a murderer and a liar from the beginning. He was a murderer because he served a murderer whom he hated. Is he a paranoid schizophrenic? Or is this diagnosis by a court-appointed psychiatrist “political”? Probably. Regardless, Kaczynski succumbed to his inner self and became not simply the slave of the Adversary, but an active agent of the Adversary; for with great intellect comes greater susceptibility to the Adversary's broadcast of his nature and his ideology, with this susceptibility being manifested in various ways and with sexual deviancy being perhaps the most common way but not the only way as evidenced by Kaczynski.

It would be unusual for a person of low or average intelligence to be gay or be of a fifth gender, but this is not the case among those of high intelligence ... the man of average intellect is far more likely to be in a tavern on Friday night chasing shirts than to be in a gay bar, with both behaviors being morally reprehensible—and with one being no more offensive to God than the other. Adultery is not “okay” if it occurs between a consenting man and a consenting woman: adultery is no lesser an affront to God than is two men laying with one another as a man lays with a woman. Both forms of consensual sexual intercourse condemn the individuals to the lake of fire.

God is not a respecter of persons, permitting Christians to conduct adultery while condemning homosexuals to the lake of fire ... the Christian pastor who has an affair—there have been too many to name them—is as worthy of the lake of fire as is Ted Kaczynski. Both have succumbed to the broadcast of the Adversary. Neither successfully resisted the Adversary. And that is what the Christian must do, regardless of whether he or she has been born of God, or will be born of God at the Second Passover liberation of Israel. For according to Paul’s gospel, the sinner without the law will perish without the law (Rom 2:12), and a sinner is anyone who practices lawlessness, from transgressing the Sabbath, the least of the commandments, to committing adultery or committing murder.

The Christian who worships the Lord on Sunday, the day after the Sabbath [τῆ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων — from John 20:1; Acts 20:7; Luke 24:1], is as much of a sinner as is Ted Kaczynski, not what this Christian wants to hear but the truth that the Christian must confront when *fathers shall eat their sons* in order to survive for another day in falling Babylon, the kingdom of this world.

Because the Sabbath is the least of the commandments, repenting of transgressing the Sabbath is more easily accomplished than is repenting of adultery or repenting of murder, which is technically what a sniper does when he or she kills an enemy combatant at a half mile—and I would have, if the Army would have taken me in the 1960s, applied to be a sniper for I certainly shot well enough to qualify. And I would have justified killing the enemies of America just as an Evangelical Christian will justify voting in the South Carolina primary election. We would have both been wrong. Remember, Ted Kaczynski could, in his mind, justify killing those whom he targeted—and really, what is the difference between a mail bomb and a sniper’s bullet other than one lacks state support and the other has state support?

I understand a little of what Kaczynski experienced when he entered Harvard at sixteen with two shirts and little else: I entered Willamette University at sixteen with two shirts and little else. But from there our paths deviated. A decade later I was baptized into the Body of Christ as a reluctant inductee, and a change within me began that also caused me to also reject the industrialized world, but to additionally reject those who protested the industrial-military complex that sought to test new weapons systems in Vietnam. I become a pacifist as my ancestors were, but one who will fight with words to save lives, not take them. And it is my unborn [of God] brothers in Christ whose lives are worthy of

being saved if they will only cease committing the abominations common to Christendom.

President Obama seems to have been chosen by God as the basest of men [see Dan 4:17] to rule the United States of America in this time of change; so really, could McCain have beaten Obama? No, he couldn't have; for McCain, in spite of his participation in the governance of this world, is an honorable man whereas Obama, Gingrich, and Romney have skeletons in their closets, with Romney's skeletons being harder to find than Gingrich's ... I have knowingly omitted two Republican candidates who simply cannot complete in a contest of who is the basest of men.

Daniel faithfully served King Nebuchadnezzar as Christians today faithfully serve the spiritual king of Babylon, Satan the devil. Daniel helped keep the affairs of state going throughout the seven years when Nebuchadnezzar had the mind of a beast, but Daniel was also a eunuch who could not have come before God if the temple with its holy place and most holy place had stood ... today, the Church is the temple of God, and if the Church were today the living Body of Christ, no Christian serving in a position of authority in this world could come before God. But because the Church is not today alive—is not today the living Body of Christ—good men such as the unnamed Republican candidates have a chance to repent of their lawless ways and to enter into covenant with the God of the living when they are born of spirit at the Second Passover.

If Christians will not repent of their lawless ways—if Christians continue to insist that they are not under the law but under grace when their lawlessness discloses that they remain consigned to disobedience—then Christians will be wiped from the face of this earth as Israel was removed from the Promised land in the 6th, 7th, and 8th Centuries BCE. And the shadow and copy of their dismissal of this reality can be seen in what happened in the days of the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

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