

The Convergency 2018
Session #1: Bringing Clarity to Our Time & Season
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I. **God Changes The Times And Seasons**

A. Daniel 2:16-23 — God reveals Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

1. In Daniel chapter 1, verses 1 and 2, the scriptures denote that Judah and Jerusalem are besieged, placed in exile and that which is sacred carried into Babylon.
2. Daniel 1:3-7 — Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, sought to change the language, the literature, the diet, and the names of Daniel and the three Hebrew boys.
 - Daniel’s name means “God is my Judge,” but Belteshazar means “Lady protect the king.”
 - Hananiah means “The Lord is gracious” but Shadrach means “I am afraid of God”
 - Mishael means “Who is what God is?” but Meshach means “I am of little account”
 - Azariah means “The Lord has helped me,” but Abed-Nego means “servant of Nebo (a false god)”

B. Essential Points of Clarity Concerning Times & Seasons

- Time is a temporary interruption in eternity
- It is a commodity that can neither be bought or sold

- The only thing we can do with time is use it. If we don't use it we will lose it.
- If time does not work in our favor, it will work against us.
- Times and seasons are instruments of measurement, assessment, planning and perfection.
- In time, everything that has a beginning, must have an end.
- If God did not create times and seasons, there would be no end to terror, sickness, disease, tragedy, poverty, illiteracy, disappointment, corruption and wickedness.
- In the realm of time, a failure can become a success
- The best thing we can do with time is Redeem It! (Ephesians 5:16)

II. **The Sovereignty Of God In The Affairs Of Human Government**

A. He removes kings and raises up kings.

- Civilizations come and go, and governments rise and fall
 - Isaiah 40:17-18 All nations are as nothing before Him
 - Jeremiah 10:10 The nations cannot endure His wrath
 - Psalm 9:17 All nations that forget God shall be turned into hell.

B. God uses sinful governments to carry out His divine purpose

- Jeremiah 25:8-9 God calls Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, His servant

C. Question?-Is it possible that God would sovereignly place a political leader in office that seemingly doesn't fit conventional wisdom?

D. As saints of The Most High God, our ultimate allegiance and loyalty must not be to America, our Constitution, our founding fathers, or the

flag. Our ultimate allegiance and loyalty must be to the Kingdom of God.

E. Throughout biblical history, God has raised up His prophetic voices to speak truth to the governmental powers that be:

1. Joseph in Egypt was second in command and advised Pharaoh.
2. Moses confronted Pharaoh and demanded him to “Let My people go!”
3. John the Baptist confronted the powers that be by addressing their morals, lifestyle, and even scolded Herod about the evil things that he had done. (Luke 3:19)
4. In John 18:36 Jesus told Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world.”
5. In Acts 24, The Apostle Paul spoke to the Roman Governor, Felix, about righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgement.
6. Again in Acts 26, Paul testifies before King Agrippa and in vs. 28, King Agrippa states, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”
7. In Daniel 4:27 Daniel gave a strong admonition to King Nebuchadnezzar.

III. How Should The Present Day Church Be Postured As It Relates To Government And Politics?

A. Daniel 11:32- Be a part of the company of saints who “know their God.”

1. Strong (Hebrew) Hazaq- means to fasten upon, to seize, to be courageous, to cure, to help, to conquer, confirm, to be established, to fortify

2. Exploits (Hebrew) Asa-means to accomplish, to advance, to appoint, to get busy, to take charge of, to deal with, to be a fighting man, to govern, to be a warrior
- B. Isaiah 9:6-7 —We must recognize the base of operation of God’s government.
1. Government (Hebrew Misra)-means rule, dominion, to govern, empire.
 2. Shoulders (Hebrew Sekem)-figuratively it denotes the “place of burdens.”
 3. Kingdom (Hebrew Mamlaka)-means to rule in the realm of the country.
 4. Order (Hebrew Kun)-means to frame, to ordain, to make prosperous, to prepare, to make provision for, to be stable, to make ready
 5. Establish (Hebrew Sa-ad)-means to strengthen, to hold up, to sustain, to comfort, to support
 6. Judgement (Hebrew Mispal)-means a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) to pronounce judicially, a formal decree, a legal determination
 7. Justice (Hebrew Sedaqa)-means rightness, rectitude, moral virtue, prosperity, the act of righteousness.
 8. Zeal (Hebrew Qina)-the passion of jealousy, to come against adversaries, jealousy resulting in the wrath of God.
- C. I Timothy 2:1-2, II Chronicles 7:14, Daniel 9:3-14, Jeremiah 1:9-12—We must exercise our Kingdom authority by praying for our governmental leaders, release healing in our land and purge our nation of its national sins.