

GOD USES UNGODLY “POWERS” TO “PLEAD” WITH HIS PEOPLE

In relation to a previous article, I’m not saying God can’t use ungodly or rogue “powers.” Pharaoh’s heart was hardened (Ex. 7) that God could show forth His delivering power. God has used ungodly “powers” thematically, throughout scripture, because Israel consistently rebelled and turned to idolatry.

“An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.” (Pro. 17:11) Heathen “powers” were used to enslave God’s people for the purpose to get them to repent and return to His loving embrace. Unfortunately, it happened over and over again just like today! **“To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.”** (Heb. 3:15) If we harden our hearts, God will use circumstances to “plead” with us so we will return to “covenant.”

“And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. 36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:” (Ex. 20:35-37)

Here’s one account, among many, in the history of Israel where the kings “did evil in the sight of the LORD.” Not only did King Manasseh err; he caused the whole nation to err. He refused to repent and the LORD was forced to bring in Babylon “as pleadings” so Judah would repent.

“Manasseh... he reigned... And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger... 9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. 11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.” (2 Chron. 33:5, 6, 9-11)

God’s dealings with Israel serves as an example (type and shadow) for us today. The Lord is “pleading” with the Church on the land of America. I believe that is why we see wicked and deceptive “powers” oppressing us. Our rebellion has breached the hedge of protection and caused the Lord to remove His hand so the enemy (serpent) has free access to devour. **“He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.”**

(Ecclesiastes 10:8) **What we see today is not God’s best for America! O’ Father have mercy!** I can give you an enumerable list of injustices committed on this land deserving the judgment of God, but for now, it would be better to identify the root cause—IDOLATRY OF THE CHURCH. “As goes the church so goes the nation.” If we as the people of God will repent, cry out for mercy and amend our ways the Lord will “heal our land.”

I BELIEVE GOD WANTS TO DELIVER US! I BELIEVE THE LORD WANTS TO RESTORE US BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE.