

*Scripture
Reading:*

Daniel 4:1-3,
10-18, 24-
26,34-37

Should Christians
Vote?

INTRODUCTION

Summary of 2016 message, “The NT Believer and Politics”

- II Timothy 4:2 ESV “Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching”

Remember! We are involved in a temporary citizenship on earth while possessing a permanent heavenly citizenship

- Phil 3:20 ESV “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the **Lord Jesus Christ**”

INTRODUCTION (continued)

We are IN the World System, but not OF (belonging to) the World System

- John 17:16-18 Darby “They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”

We can USE the World System, but not ABUSE (overuse) it

- I Cor 7:31 Darby “...and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away”

We are not to love (agape) the World System, i.e., not try to fix or improve it

- I John 2:15 ISV “Stop loving the world and the things that are in the world...”

**These things being true, does
God use human government for
His purposes?**

**Satan's World
System
Involves
Control of the
Kingdoms and
Governments
of this System**

**Satan is the Prince
of this World**

- John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11
- Matt 4:8-9

◇ Daniel 4:17

◇ “...to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men”

◇ I Kings 22:19-23

◇ “...And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead’...?’”

**God Interjects
His Will in
Human
Government
When He
Pleases**

**God's
Occasional
Placement
and Use of
Persons in
Government
Positions**

◇ OT Persons God has used

◇ Joseph (Egypt)

◇ Saul (Israel)

◇ David (Israel)

◇ Daniel (Babylon)

◇ Esther (Persia)

◇ NT Person God has used

◇ Soldiers - Lk 3:14

◇ Centurions - Lk 7:2, Acts 10

◇ Ethiopian treasurer - Acts 8

◇ Roman Proconsul - Acts 13:12

The Use of Government by the Apostle Paul

Philippi

• Acts 16:37-38



Jerusalem

• Acts 22:25



Caesarea

• Acts 25:10-12

Voting Today Involves a Unique Opportunity to Express a Righteous Opinion

◇ Eph 2:10

◇ Part of our good works

◇ Phil 2:12-15

◇ Shining as lights in the world

◇ I Tim 2:1-2

◇ Communication to God for unhindered conditions for godliness



CONCLUSION

◇ Because God has the ultimate control of all things – even human government – we should express an opinion of righteousness in all we do, even in our present opportunity to vote.

◇ I Cor 10:31

◇ “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”