

1. God, Gospel and the Government

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Subtitle: Casting a righteous Vote in the upcoming Elections

- In NZ, we have a General Election scheduled for Saturday 7 Nov. 26
- We seek God's wisdom and discernment concerning how to cast a righteous vote on, or prior to Election Day
- This is an inhouse message – it is intended primarily for our members
- We've done political talks prior to General Elections for at least 25 years
- Our philosophy is:
“Where there is silence in the Pulpit, there will be confusion in the Pews”
- We are convinced that God's Word must be taught in all areas of our lives, incl. the area of politics & national governance
- Today's message is a discipleship message
- Presenting political talks used to be relatively easy
- It used to be:
 - The political “left”, “right” & “centre” (on the political spectrum)
- Those terms are no longer adequate, and are grossly insufficient
- Now, it is down to “good” and “evil”!
- **Our challenge is not:**
- Will I choose a left-wing party, or a right-wing party, or a centre party
- **The question today is:**
 - Will I vote for a party that stands for & promotes godly principles?
 - Or will I vote for a party that promotes evil, demonic principles?
- Nowadays there is hardly any middle ground!

Hypotheses:

- Many voters in NZ do not sufficiently understand the MMP system (NZ has a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) Electoral System)
 - Eligible voters get two votes: (a) **Party Vote** (b) **Electorate Vote**
- Many voters in NZ are quite deceived:
 - by the spin-doctory of political parties and various interest groups
 - by unrealistic and unaffordable election promises (vote buying)
 - by an ultra-liberal leftist media (over-, under – & non-reporting)

- by globalist influences & interferences in our NZ domestic affairs
- by various “isms” (Marxism, extreme Environmentalism, etc.)
- by various psy-ops

In any given Election:

- Many people neglect to vote
- Many people vote traditionally
- Some people vote randomly
- Most people vote selfishly
- Some people vote tactically & strategically
- God wants Christians to vote Biblically & intelligently
- God relies on His people to place the tick ☐ where He needs it placed, to elect leaders who will help to advance Kingdom values in New Zealand, and to stem the tide of ungodliness, perversion & marxist agenda

Key Dates:

- Wednesday 21 October - Overseas voting begins
- Sunday 25 October - Last day to enrol to vote in the election
- Monday 26 October – Advance voting begins
 - In the 2020 General Election, 68% of votes were cast in advance
 - So nowadays, it is not just Election Day but Election Fortnight
- Saturday 7 November – Election Day (9.00am to 7.00pm)

Electoral Roll:

- Voting without enrolment in the Electoral Roll is not possible
- Every Citizen & Permanent Resident 18 years old & above is legally required to enrol
- If you have been enrolled, you will receive a personalised **EasyVote Card**
- Enrolment is possible until 25 October (13 days before Election Day)
- <https://vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online>

Who shall I vote for?

- We do not tell people who to vote for, but we can tell others what we will do, or not do, in the upcoming Election

A poignant lesson from the Ancient Kingdom of Judah

2 Kings 23:31–37 (NKJV) *Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done. 33 Now **Pharaoh Necho** put him in prison at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he **imposed on the land a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.** 34 Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Pharaoh took Jehoahaz and went to Egypt, and he died there. 35 So **Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give money according to the command of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, from every one according to his assessment, to give it to Pharaoh Necho.** 36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.*

- Jehoahaz, son of Josiah, became king over the kingdom of Judah & reigned 3 months, before he was removed by Pharaoh Necho of Egypt
- Jehoahaz “did evil in the sight of the Lord”
- Pharaoh Necho installed Jehoahaz’s older brother, Eliakim, as the new king of Judah, and renamed him Jehoiakim
- Jehoiakim also “did evil in the sight of the Lord”
- Then, Pharaoh Necho imposed a tribute on the land of Judah, and made Jehoiakim pay it to Egypt, year after year
- A tribute was a form of an international “tax or levy” imposed by a strong nation (Egypt) on a weak nation, which had been subdued (Judah), and become sub-servient to the stronger nation (Egypt)
- The purpose of the tribute was to enrich the strong nation, and keep the weak nation weak and poor

- To raise the tribute money to pay Egypt, Jehoiakim imposed a special tax on the land, and he “exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land”
- Exact – oppressor, taskmasters, distressed, oppressed,

We see a strong correlation between what took place in ancient Judah, and what is happening in NZ today

- Consider this:
 - Egypt was the equivalent of a globalist entity / government
 - Pharaoh Necho was a globalist character
 - Notice, all this money flowing from a weak nation to a strong nation happened “at the command of Pharaoh”
 - Pharaoh completely ignored the sovereignty of the kingdom of Judah
 - He bullied & dominated another nation (Judah), and beat it into submission and servitude to Egypt
- NZ also has excessive taxes imposed by successive money-hungry governments and globalist players
- Question: Are there moneys flowing out of NZ’s economy, to intl. players?
- Answer: Yes!
 - Trading Banks are syphoning off interest payments on bank loans
 - Current NZ net core Crown debt stands at \$187.8 billion
 - Before the Labour-led government took office in 2020, Crown debt stood at \$57.7 billion
 - Daily interest cost of government debt stands at \$28.5 million
 - NZ’s signature to the Paris Agreement will be / is the cause of billions of \$ of NZ money going offshore annually (Carbon Credits)
 - Millions of NZ \$\$ are sent annually to the United Nations and its various agencies (The UN is a globalist outfit)
 - Further millions of NZ \$\$ are sent to the WHO annually (The WHO is another globalist outfit who doesn’t care about NZ’s sovereignty)

My personal resolve and conclusion:

- Any political party (or candidate) that wants to increase taxation in NZ & exact more “gold and silver” from the people will not get my vote!