

## Pledge Allegiance To Christ Rather Than To Caesar

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# The nation of Israel was God's kingdom on earth

**Exodus 19:3-6** And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and **brought you to Myself**. 5 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep **My covenant**, then you shall be **a special treasure to Me above all people**; for all the earth *is* Mine. 6 'And **you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

### The other nations followed other gods

**Joshua 24:2** And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and **they served other gods**.

**Psalms 135:15** The **idols of the nations** *are* silver and gold, The work of men's hands.

# David's throne was the throne of the kingdom of the Lord

**1 Chronicles 28:5** And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon **the throne of the kingdom of the LORD** over Israel.

## The throne of Israel

**1 Kings 10:9** Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on **the throne of Israel**: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

# The kingdom of God was removed from Israel due to disobedience

**Deuteronomy 28:15,25** But it shall come to pass, **if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God**, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: 25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: **thou** shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and **shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth**.

## Daniel foretold of four Gentile world kingdoms

**Daniel 2:36-40** " This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. 37 "You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For **the God of heaven** has given you a **kingdom** (Babylon), power, strength, and glory; 38 "and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all -- you *are* this head of gold. 39 "But after you shall arise **another kingdom** inferior to yours; **then another, a third kingdom** of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. 40 "And **the fourth kingdom** shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others.

## The fourth kingdom is yet to come

**Daniel 7:23** Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be **the fourth kingdom** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

## Then God?s heavenly kingdom shall come to the earth

**Daniel 2:44** And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall stand for ever.

### Jesus is the promised Messiah King ? the heir of David?s throne

**Luke 1:31-33** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David**: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of **his kingdom** there shall be no end.

## Jesus refused involvement with The kingdoms of this world

**Matthew 4:8-9** Again, **the devil** taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him **all the kingdoms of the this world**, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will **I give thee**, if thou wilt fall down and **worship me**.

**John 14:30** I will no longer talk much with you, for **the ruler of this world** is coming. He has no power over me.

### Follow in his steps

**1 Peter 2:21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **ye should follow his steps**: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, **he threatened not**; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

### All the world governments will soon worship the beast

**Revelation 13:7-8** ??power [authority or control] was given him (the beast ? the anti-christ) over all tribes, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

### Christ?s kingdom does not belong to this world

**John 18:36** Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world**: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but **now is my kingdom not** from hence.

## Jesus refused to be made king

**John 6:15** Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force **to make Him king**, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

## He did not restore the kingdom to Israel

**Acts 1:6** When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

## The kingdom of God shall appear at His return

**Luke 19:11-12** And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that **the kingdom of God should immediately appear**. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to **return**.

## Jesus came to establish His church

**Matthew 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

# To make disciples out from of all the nations

**Matthew 28:16-20** Then **the eleven disciples** (His church, see Acts 2:37,41-42,47) went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations** , baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "**teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen

## One flock ? Jew and Gentile

**John 10:16** "And **other sheep** (elect Gentiles) I have which are not of **this fold** (elect Jews); them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be **one flock** (the church of God Acts20:28) *and one shepherd*.

## Jesus promised them the kingdom

**Luke 12:32** Fear not, little **flock**; for it is your Father's good pleasure **to give you the kingdom**.

## Disciples of Jesus are waiting for the kingdom of God

**Mark 15:43** Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member (?Jesus' disciple,? Mt.27:57), who was himself **waiting for the kingdom of God**,

## Our King is temporarily away

**Acts 3:21** He must remain in heaven until (not forever) the time comes for God to restore everything (at the end of this age), as he promised long ago through his holy prophets (NIV).

## The kingdoms of the world will become Christ's

**Revelation 11:15** Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ**, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

## True Christian patriots

**Philippians 3:20-21** For **our** (the saints in the church at Philippi) **citizenship is in heaven**; from whence also **we look for** [or wait for] **the Saviour**, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall (at His second coming) change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body (the first resurrection? shall reign with Him a thousand years Rev.20:6), according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

## Earthly Nationalism is sin

**Colossians 3:1-5** If ye then be risen with Christ [in baptism 2:12], **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 **Set your mind** on things above, **not on things on the earth**. 3 For ye are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ** in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye **also appear with him in glory**. 5 Mortify [or put to death, to kill] therefore **your members which are upon the earth**; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

## All the nations of the earth are corrupted

**Revelation 18:3** For **all nations** have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and **the kings of the earth** have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

## Christians Come out! Before it's too late!

**Revelation 18:4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and **that ye receive not of her plagues**.

## Give your Allegiance to the kingdom of God

**Matthew 6:33** But **seek** ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

## A better country

**Hebrews 11:13,16** These all died in faith? confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 16 But now they desire **a better country**, that is, **a heavenly**: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for **he hath prepared for them a city**.

## Seek the heavenly city that is to come

**Hebrews 13:13-14** Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, **bearing** His reproach. 14 For here we have no continuing city, but we **seek** the one to come.

## Ambassadors for Christ

**2 Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

## Jesus taught church and state separation

**Luke 20:25** And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

## The state bears the sword

**Romans 13:1-8** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For **rulers** (state or governing authorities) are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do **you** (the called saints in the church at Rome) want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and **you** will have praise from the same. 4 For **he** (the ruler or magistrates of the state) is God's minister to **you** (Christian) for good. But if

all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*,

customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

### **The Lord's church bears the truth**

**1 Timothy 3:15** But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is **the church of the living God**, the pillar and ground of the truth.

## **Obey god rather than men**

**Acts 5:28-29** saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" 29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "**We ought to obey God rather than men.**"

## **Trust god for the outcome - he is over all**

**John 19:10-11** Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, **Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:** therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.