

For the past few months, the world has been watching the presidential campaigns of Donald Trump and Kamala Harris unfold as each candidate has fought to secure a majority of the votes of the American people. Last Tuesday was Election

Day, and by late that evening, it was clear that Donald Trump had won his second term as President of the United States. Not only did he win the Electoral vote of America, he also won the Popular vote — in truly a "red wave"! In addition to securing the White House, Republicans have also won a majority in the U. S. Senate and are expected to win a majority in the U. S. House of Representatives. This now gives Republicans control of the Executive and the Legislative branches of government. And even the Judicial branch has a conservative majority of Justices.

While the majority of Americans are cheering over these results, another large segment of Americans are weeping at the overwhelming loss of Democrats in this race. But as a student of the Bible, my eyes are fixed on how the prophecies of Scripture have played out in what I believe to be **Act I** of an eschatological drama. **And this is truly Act I**. This election was



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not just another election in our nation's history. This election will have prophetic consequences of major proportions. America is soon to become the most powerful nation on earth — something that must occur before she can play her role on the end time stage. America has always been a world power, represented by the two-horned beast of Revelation 13:11-18. But at times, it has been weak on the world stage, and especially has that been true for the past four years. Now, with the changes which have come in leadership, America will not be just a <u>major</u> power in the world, it will become <u>the dominant</u> power of the world, ultimately fulfilling its awful destiny just before the return of Jesus.

Act II is next, and the curtains are soon to be drawn. Our nation will soon experience incredible unrest within its borders as a result of the invasion of millions of illegal migrants (many of them from enemy nations), from politically motivated chaos, and from foreign agents acting on behalf of terrorist nations. America is going to experience widespread violence within its borders and in confrontation with enemy nations, This chaos will prepare the way for Act III.

Act III will begin when the leaders of our nation enact laws and policies **meant to protect Americans** from those who would harm them, from within and from without, and to establish systems which identify patriotic citizens and distinguish them from those who would threaten our safety and security.

An example of such a policy is already a law, passed by Congress, which will go into effect on May 7, 2025 — "**REAL ID**".

"On May 7, 2025, U.S. travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities." https://www.dhs.gov/real-id. (The star in the upper righthand corner indicates the ID is compliant with DHS requirements.)



The efforts of our government will, on the surface, be for the good of Americans, but the result will ultimately be a forfeiture of the freedoms we are guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights in exchange for our safety and security — among them freedom of speech and freedom to worship according to the dictates of our conscience. And for those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ supersedes their allegiance to their country, they will be marked as dangerous and will ultimately be branded as traitors and unfit to enjoy the privileges of citizenship.

Seems impossible, doesn't it -1) That things could get so bad in our own country, on our own soil, and 2) That our constitutional freedoms, held for so long, could possible be lost in a nation which gained those freedoms at such cost! The Bible says it will be so!

In Him,

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PART 2 John 9:24-41 NIV

24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." 25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" 26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!

29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Questions

- 1) What did Jesus say back in John 8 regarding "listening"?
 - a) John 8:43 "Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say."
- 2) What do you think about the healed man's reply versus 30-33? What is the man saying?
 - a) The man is calling the Pharisees BS The Pharisees claimed Jesus was a "sinner;" the healed man pointed out that a "sinner" wouldn't have access to God's power.
 - b) Nicodemus even claims this- and he's a Pharisee- John 3:2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.
- 3) Why did the Pharisees say the healed man was steeped in sin at birth?
 - a) Because he was born blind
 - b) Because they wanted to discredit his comment

Spiritual Blindness 9:35-41

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" **36** "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." **37** Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." **38** Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. **39** Jesus said, [fn] "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." **40** Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" **41** Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Questions

- 1) When Jesus says "you have now seen him" do you think that he meant that purely with his eyes?
 - a) Could be, but I think it's more. To see is to make the connection to the truth and trust in him
- 2) Reflecting back on the beginning of this story, how is Jesus' comment demonstrated?
 - a) Personally, I think the the whole story illustrates this, Jesus used the man's physical blindness to demonstrate the spiritual blindness to sight
- 3) What does Jesus mean in v41?
 - a) Pointing to the hypocrisy of the Pharisees