



## **Government - 02.22.26**

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### **Hosea 8:4(NIV)**

They set up kings without my consent;  
they choose princes without my approval.  
With their silver and gold  
they make idols for themselves  
to their own destruction.

### **1. We need to Choose Leaders according to God's Will**

#### **1 Timothy 2:1-2(NIV)**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

### **2. Trusting the government as savior is idolatry**

#### **Hosea 8:9(NIV)**

For they have gone up to Assyria like a wild donkey  
(KJV- Ass) wandering alone.  
Ephraim has sold herself to lovers.

### **Hosea 7:11(NIV)**

Ephraim is like a dove,  
easily deceived and senseless—  
now calling to Egypt,  
now turning to Assyria.

### **Hosea 7:11(The Message)**

“Ephraim is bird-brained,  
mindless, clueless,  
First chirping after Egypt,  
then fluttering after Assyria.  
I’ll throw my net over them. I’ll clip their wings.  
I’ll teach them to mind me!

**XYZ was elected we are SAVED**

**XYZ was elect we are RUINED**

### **Psalm 20:7(NIV)**

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

## **3. We are called to love our nation**

### **Jeremiah 29:7(ESV)**

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

### **Romans 13:1-7(NIV)**

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. 6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

#### **4. We are called to love God above all else**