Subject: No vote = SIN!
Posted by william on Wed, 21 Oct 2020 05:23:47 GMT
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Well, I guess I'm just sick of being called a sinner for not participating in the "most important election ever". Of course I should be used to it by now, I haven't voted in any of the "most important elections ever" of my lifetime: (Yes, it was my fault that God didn't get the right man in office, so there, I've admitted it... by my count I've used up 11 of my 7x70 opportunities for forgiveness from my fellow believers.)

I don't remember the phrase "most important ever" being used until Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority/Silent Majority movement came along in 1979, but I could be wrong. I will credit him, however, for creating this mess.

1980-Jimmy Carter vs Ronald Reagan (most important election ever);
1984-Walter Mondale vs Ronald Reagan (most important election ever);
1988-Michael Dukakis vs George H. W. Bush (most important election ever);
1992-Bill Clinton vs George H. W. Bush (most important election ever);
1996-Bill Clinton vs Bob Dole (most important election ever);
2000-Al Gore vs George W. Bush (most important election ever);
2004-John Kerry vs George W. Bush (most important election ever);
2008-Barack Obama vs John McCain (most important election ever);
2012-Barack Obama vs Mitt Romney (most important election ever);
2016-Hillary Clinton vs Donald Trump (most important election ever);
2020-Joe Biden vs Donald Trump (most important election ever);

Anyway, it happened again when I was listening to a video yesterday. I was curious about the title and wondering if any of these so-called-prophets had had the guts to actually tell us who we needed to vote for, you know, since they claim it is a sin not to vote, I figured it would be easy enough to let us know which one of the candidates God wanted us to help Him with... after-all I'd hate to vote for the wrong person... that would be just as big of a sin as not voting, wouldn't it?

Well, I was disappointed again--led astray by the click-bait-title! Maybe they are just a bit concerned about their 501(c)(3) tax exempt status... much better to slight God's people and maintain their relationship with the government, and their money, I suppose.

Title: Will Donald Trump Be Re-Elected in November? (feat. Mario Murillo)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lSMqeJvvXGg (20 minutes in).

If you have nothing better to do than listen to the whole pathetic video (like me) then you'll find out that apparently there are some "prophets" (somewhere... I can't find them) that are bold enough to predict an election. Of course, they have a caveat if they somehow didn't hear God clearly

concerning their prediction, viz. ME, I'm not voting.

I did learn a few things though:

1) "Prophets" don't use "thus saith the Lord" anymore, without caveats, because God seems likely to change His mind if certain of us don't vote. In other words, if God gives a word to His prophets, His words might cause His people to become overconfident and hence, passive,(hey, I don't need to vote--God has already told us what He's going to do!) making His word invalid, which begs the question--why prophesy anything? That should help to get me off of the hook, at least a little bit, because I wasn't going to vote anyway and He probably has that figured into the prophecy already. (Thank God for His OMNISCIENCE, well, in my case anyway!)

2) Daniel's prayers in Dan.9, for Israel to be restored after the 70 years of captivity that Jeremiah prophesied about, wouldn't have happened if he hadn't prayed and humbled himself. No, it might have been 80 or 90 (even more) if Daniel hadn't prayed... Jeremiah should have added himself a caveat, I guess. Anyway, I know that God knows how to raise up people to pray, so the prophecy would have certainly been fulfilled, one way or another, but that's not what I learned. I found out that voting, and working to get people out to vote, (without endangering the 501(c)(3) by actually promoting a candidate) is now the modern equivalent to praying. Who knew!

I could go on, but this is already way too long, and given my sinful state, I doubt I'd convince anyone to consider that God just might be able to make His choice between "this evil, or that evil" in the upcoming election without my vote:

Dan 4:17
This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by Mark L on Thu, 22 Oct 2020 13:59:32 GMT
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Heh! The matter is settled then. Its vote or sin. Or something like that. At least in America you have an election that's the most imprtant ever.

Here in Canada (where things are done correctly BTW) we just averted an election. The reason being the governors of our land (who have a minority gov't) didn't want to hand over documents dealing with some corruption issues. So they called the vote a confidence issue which means the gov't falls and a (most important ever) election is called. Which nobody wanted.

Anyway I digress as we're talking about your sin here. A suitable penance would probably be to watch youtube video until you have the definative answer on what the prophets are saying. Actually that is probably a fate worse than death so we should let that go.

I'll subject myself to watching that video this weekend when I have more time. I'll fortify myself with oranges and flavored water (I'm on a diet) and get through it.

That Dan. 4/17 vs is one of relatively few in the bible where God speaks directly and clearly on this important issue. Its a wonder that more christians with strong partisan beliefs don't read it.

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by william on Thu, 22 Oct 2020 14:56:46 GMT
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Canada, where everything is done right, eh? I do sometimes get that old "the grass is greener..." vibe thinking about Canada but then the rational side kicks in and all I can see are snow covered wildernesses, then I shiver a bit and forsake that kind of thinking!

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by william on Fri, 23 Oct 2020 05:18:35 GMT
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Alright guys, I really need some validation here... I just read an article from John Piper (one of the best known evangelicals in the nation) and I can't really believe he said what I think he said.

Let me explain for those unfamiliar with the way he writes (and preaches!) Maybe it's his education, idunno, but one can usually walk away from one of his articles and not really be sure if he's for it, or against it (just concerning controversial matters, he's pretty clear when he refers to most other things).

But on this issue (who to vote for, voting in general, the candidates, etc.) if I'm understanding him correctly, I'm completely stunned with what he said. Now you'll need to read the whole thing and you'll need to read it again, probably, (at least I had to!) but can anyone confirm that he said what I think he said? I'd tell you what I think he said but you might be swayed by my un-clearness! I know, I'm clear as mud here, but... just read it:

https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/policies-persons-and-pa ths-to-ruin

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by william on Sat, 24 Oct 2020 02:21:18 GMT
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Okay, I know you all were just teeming with knowledge and poised to post it, but as it turns out Piper has let the cat out of the bag on twitter! He's joining the ranks of sinners--he's not going to vote!!!

I kinda thought that, after carefully reading his article, but wasn't exactly sure. Turns out that his article was so mysterious that a lot of people thought he was voting for Biden! I suppose he couldn't let that notion prevail so he cleared it up for everyone!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 24 Oct 2020 13:39:21 GMT
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If this doesn't sum up this election then I don't know what does!

https://ibb.co/jzcqQ5V

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 31 Oct 2020 22:49:28 GMT
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I've been avoiding watching this since it is everywhere and I don't give a lot of credence to all the prophesy going around but it was right in front of me so I watched it. I also don't really like Pat Robertson for a number of reasons. He did however say and do a lot of right things back in the day so I thought Oh well give it a shot.

I was surprised as he was very specific. Trump relected 2 attempts on his life civil disorder and mass confusion both in America and in the world.

Most prophecy these days is of the general and vague variety. What caught my attention was his pointing to the war of Gog and Magog folowing these happenings. I know it is on the horizon but I wasn't expecting anyone else to be saying it. Maybe I'm too cynical. I found his remarks that mass confusion in America along with wars and disorder in the world opening the door for the Gog war quite interesting to say the least.

I guess we'll find out in a few days. Anyway I only watched the first half.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF5izJ9KCug

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by william on Sat, 31 Oct 2020 23:07:49 GMT
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Wow, interesting video. Pat has been wrong before but to my knowledge he's never called himself a prophet. We'll know in a few days if the first part of what he said is right!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by Gary on Sun, 01 Nov 2020 01:08:34 GMT
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I know the BLM has the philosophy that looting and destruction, civil unrest is the only way to bring change to America. By change they mean getting their way in society. I've seen on the internet, the multi-million dollar buses that the BLM is traveling around in to bring rioting to different cities.

Someone is spending a lot of money to support this organization, some think its George Soros.

The liberal democrats are very vocal in approving of this violence if they do not get their way. They should arrest politicians who instigate this type of behavior and make it a felony to promote it.

Pat Robertson is not the only one saying Trump will win by a landslide.

It seems like prophets are coming out of the woodwork this election. Like William said; we'll know in a few days if this stuff is real.

Locally people have been waiting in line for hours to vote this year I have never seen such a crowd who are voting early as it is this election. Every single day this month there have been crowds waiting for three blocks each day to vote.

One more thing I think its pushing the issue to say that the nations are coming down to Israel to destroy it. For one thing they will beat their weapons into plow shares will happen during the millennium. Pat left out the seven years of tribulation in the equation.

In Him,
Gary

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by Gary on Sat, 07 Nov 2020 21:01:43 GMT
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If a country is divided against itself how shall it stand?

Well it looks like politics has made a mess of everything as usual. A simple voting procedure has now turned into a fiasco.

The handwriting appears to be on the wall for this country. We're now at over 27 trillion dollars in debt, no one mentions balancing the budget anymore, I wonder why.

Someone I met from Canada said they only have two parties on their ballot with no candidates names being mentioned, don't know if that's true but it sounded good.

I decided I was going to reread George Orwells 1984 I haven't read it since high school and everyone is talking like its current news.

It's going to be interesting how this whole thing turns out. The Lord is still in control, reigning and ruling in the kingdoms of men.

In Him,
Gary

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 07 Nov 2020 23:25:28 GMT
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Gary

Canada! Where things politically speaking are done correctly. :)

Well a lot of Canadians would disagree. We have 4 federal parties with a couple popular regional ones. Only the name is allowd on the ballot with no political party.

Anyway to the point. I wish Trump would concede gracefully but thats not Trump I guess.

If the result stands and it looks like it will then there will be a lot of egg on a lot of the prophets faces. Leaving Trump aside I thought Pat Robertsons remarks concerning Gog etc were quite interesting. Maybe he is partially right and got some stuff mixed up? Time will tell I guess.

I agree its going to be nteresting how all this turns out.

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by william on Sun, 08 Nov 2020 00:26:57 GMT
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Quote: "Either a lying spirit has filled the mouths of numerous trusted prophetic voices in America or Donald J. Trump really has won the presidency and we are witnessing a diabolical and evil plan unfold to steal the election."

I can say amen to that!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by Gary on Mon, 09 Nov 2020 00:42:20 GMT
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Someone pointed out that Al Gore went 37 days saying he was the president. When all the votes finally came in it turns out he was wrong.

I just heard that Arizona went from blue to white, there seems to be a lot of fake ballots turning up

at the polls. I know locally the liberals were pushing for everyone to send in their ballots, one news commentator went so far as to say there was a good chance you would catch covid-19 if you went on election day.

It's interesting that the liberals have all been calm as could be through this whole process.

The problem in America is we have murdered 60 million babies, endorsed having operations for young boys to become girls, took prayer out of the schools, now if a man has an operation and becomes a transvestite he can have a court order and have his birth certificate changed to say he was born a woman while the truth has been erased from the birth certificate. Wickedness has come out of the closet.

Now in some states they are burning Bibles in the streets, and Christians are told they cannot sing in church. If someone is protesting in large groups looting and burning nothing is mentioned about spreading covid. In the local paper they just stated that small groups of worship was now a concern because they were spreading the virus. In fact they do not want small groups to meet in homes.

Never thought I'd see all of this going on in our lifetime. My how things have changed.

If a man (true prophet) is hearing from God then it will happen in God's timing not mans and its very possible that this all could turn around and change. I honestly don't know of any man that I would think is a true prophet of God but they could be out there.

Some of these groups think violence is the way to get change I guess they never heard of Ghandhi.

In Him,
Gary

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Posted by william on Mon, 09 Nov 2020 01:21:44 GMT
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Gary wrote on Mon, 09 November 2020 00:42I honestly don't know of any man that I would think is a true prophet of God but they could be out there.

I'm with you on this, I don't know of any, BUT I do believe that there are some out there somewhere!

I certainly don't want to throw my lot in with those non-charismatics naysayers that roam Christian circles denying any and everything that smacks of the supernatural.

Who knows, we might actually see some of them come forth as a result of the things happening right now!

Blessings,
William

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Don't know for sure what is taking place anymore.

I heard Disney bought out Fox News. Mark Zuckerberg paid out 350 million dollars to key states. All the media refuse to report on what is taking place, Do they think they can just pull off a political deception that all the democrats just look the other way.

This is unbelievable what is taking place in this country right now.

For a long time I thought the liberals never played by the rules but just did whatever they thought they could get by with. Trump should declare Marshall law until this is resolved that is the only thing that would get every bodies attention.

Well this could be the beginning of the end of this country as we know it.

I'm glad we know the Lord just remember, He will never leave you nor forsake you. He is for us and not against us. If He gave His only Son to die for us He will keep us to the very end.

Psalm 121 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

In Him,
Gary

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by james on Mon, 23 Nov 2020 01:09:50 GMT
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God said that He reigns over all and that He is sovereign, He said to trust in Him and not be afraid. I chose to believe Him.
He said to praise Him and bless His Holy Name...

Praise Jesus, bless His Holy Name.

Subject: Re: No vote = SIN!
Posted by william on Mon, 23 Nov 2020 01:16:38 GMT
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Amen!!