

**#RxF4Now—If “Righteousness Exalts a Nation,”
What’s Going 2 Happen 2 the USA?
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□ **Preamble**

- Elijah Mvundura: “Primal passions: fear, egoism, anger, and hatred, the kind that Mussolini and Hitler exploited and mobilized, are once again potent factors in the politics of Western democracies. Driving these passions is the same disillusionment with liberal democracy, the same gnawing sense of overwhelming crisis that things are falling apart and the center cannot hold. The parallels with Europe in the 1920s are ominously striking.” “. . . not only do we have a thoroughly interconnected and interdependent global economy—social media connects people globally, which allows them to speak with one voice. Now imagine a catastrophic global economic collapse against a background of social unrest, radical jihadist and anarchist violence, hordes of extremists inflaming passions and speeches, blogs or tweets of demagogues going *viral*; and new totalitarianisms become conceivable. As a matter of fact, democracy has been in retreat worldwide. This drift toward authoritarianism brings to mind Christ’s words, ‘If people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?’” (*Liberty* May/June 2016 p 6)

□ **Premise #1—God is in _____—He _____ .**

- Daniel 2:19-22
- Portrayal of God #1—He is the ultimate _____ .
 - *Desire of Ages*: “But like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God’s purposes know no haste and no delay.” (32)
- Portrayal of God #2—He is the ultimate _____ .
- Portrayal of God #3—He is the ultimate _____ .
- Portrayal of God #4—He is the ultimate _____ .
 - *Review and Herald* 8-5-1902: “Those who place themselves under God’s control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady trend of events ordained by Him to take place.”

□ **Premise #2—God’s purpose in Earth politics is always to display His _____ as revealed in His _____ who carry out His _____ .**

- Daniel 2:46, 47
- Daniel 3:28, 29
- Daniel 4:37
- Daniel 5:22
- Daniel 6:26, 27

□ **Premise #3—God expects political leaders—no matter their religious persuasion (or the lack thereof)—to abide by the principles of _____.**

- Proverbs 14:34—“_____ [right-doing] exalts a nation, but _____ [wrong-doing] condemns any people.”

- Proverbs 16:12—“Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through _____ [right-doing].”
- Proverbs 20:28—“_____ and faithfulness keep a king safe; through _____ his throne is made secure.”
- Proverbs 24:11-12 *The Message*: “Rescue the perishing; don’t hesitate to step in and help. If you say, ‘Hey, that’s none of my business,’ will that get you off the hook? Someone is watching you closely, you know—someone not impressed with weak excuses.”
- “The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity.” (*Maranatha* 193)
- “The Bible was held as the foundation of faith, the source of wisdom, and the charter of liberty. Its principles were diligently taught in the home, in the school, and in the church, and its fruits were manifest in thrift, intelligence, purity, and temperance. . . . It was demonstrated that the principles of the Bible are the surest safeguards of national greatness.” (*Great Controversy* 296)
- “As nations forget God, in like proportion they become weak morally. . . . It is sin that is ruining nations today. . . . A disregard for God’s law has brought the sure result.” (*Character Sketches from the Life of Daniel* 45)
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**“Once to every man and nation
 comes the moment to decide,
 in the strife of truth with falsehood,
 for the good or evil side.”**

--James Russell Lowell

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 mission; righteousness; Righteousness; sin; righteousness; Love; love