

JOHN 19:19-23
March 28, 1993
ROME GEORGIA
August 7, 2016

OPENING SCRIPTURE READING - **JOHN 19:19-23**

NAME THAT NATION:

THERE ONCE WAS A NATION THAT WAS READY FOR **CHANGE - AT ANY COST.**

"We want what everyone else has. We want a benevolent leader who cares for us, one who will take care of all our needs. ***We no longer want to be ruled by those who feel that there is a moral standard to hold to but rather, we want to be "CARED FOR" by the "POLITICALLY CORRECT" type of government.*** A type of government **recognized by the rest of the world.** One in fact, made in the image of the other governments of the world. ***(a form of government incidentally which ultimately failed the test of time and passed from the political scene.)***

This land was a land that saw its people flocking to **Eastern Mysticism** (astrology), **pantheism** (worship of nature - militant environmentalist), **animism** (worshiping animals. {*after all, they have rights too*} putting them on the same level as man - consequently, on the same level as God)

They were willing to sacrifice:

- The lives of their children in pursuit of pleasure;
- their freedom to serve God,
- their control of their own finances,
- even the control of their own family life,

All in pursuit of a form of government that wanted to "redistribute" the wealth of a prospering nation.

This people, who were known throughout the world for their shrewd business savvy and their astute acumen in matters financial, they were even willing to make **"CONTRIBUTIONS" or "INVESTMENTS"** that the new government boldly revealed would be required from all!

This nation desired to have one rule over them that would "take" all that they had, and return to them nothing but sweat and sorrow.

They so wanted to be like the rest of the world that they were blind to the failure of this same form of government in other lands.

They wanted someone to fight their fights for them, to provide for them, to rule over them

IN FACT, IN THEIR DESIRE TO BE "POLITICALLY CORRECT" IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD, THEY EXCLUDED GOD FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT AND REJECTED GOD IN THEIR PERSONAL AFFAIRS.

CAN YOU NAME THE NATION?

ONE MORE CLUE -

I SAMUEL 8:1FF.

1Sa 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: **now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**

V. 5 - REQUEST FOR ACTION; READY FOR CHANGE - AT ANY COST.

*'We want what everyone else has. We want a benevolent leader who cares for us, **one who will take care of all our needs.** We no longer want to be ruled by those who feel that there is a **moral standard** to hold to but rather, we want to be "**cared for**" by the "**politically correct**" type of government. A type of government recognized by the rest of the world. One in fact, made in the image of the other governments of the world.(a form of government incidentally which ultimately failed the test of time and passed form the scene.)*

There had been **7 & 8** - **REJECTION BY ACTIONS;**

1Sa 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for **they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.**

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, **wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.**

This land was a land that saw its people flocking to Eastern Mysticism (astrology), pantheism (worship of nature - militant environmentalist) , animism (worshiping animals.{after all, they have rights too} Putting them on the same level as man - consequently, on the same level As God)

I Samuel 8:10-18 - [read here](#)

10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king. **11** And he said, **This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you:** He will **TAKE** your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots. **12** And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them to plow* his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. **13** And he will **TAKE** your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers. **14** And he will **TAKE** your

fields, and your vineyards, and your olive yards, *even the best of them*, and give *them* to his servants. **15** And he will **TAKE** the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. **16** And he will **TAKE** your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work. **17** He will **TAKE** the tenth of your sheep: **and ye shall be his servants.** **18** And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

Now Samuel reveals **the REQUISITE KINGLY ACTIONS**;

"Contributions" or "Investments" would be **required from all!** This nation desired to have one rule over them that would "take" all that they had, and return to them nothing but sweat and sorrow. (look at all the "he will takes" in this passage)

Let's look together in John's gospel,

John 19:19- 20 **REPROBATE WORLDLY REACTION**;

Remember the attitude of the People crying out for a king in Samuel?

*" We want to be like the world. We want someone to fight our fights for us. We need a "big brother" to take care of all our needs. We want to be judged **by the standards of this man, not by God's standards.***

God acquiesced **for a season** to the request of his people;

The request from their lips of some and from the hearts of many more.

BUT AT LENGTH, GOD SENT THE TRUE KING. YET - WHEN THIS KING CAME - HE WAS REJECTED BY THOSE HE CAME TO!

JOHN 1:11

NOT ONLY DID THEY NOT RECEIVE HIM - BUT THEY ALSO: TOOK COUNSEL TOGETHER AGAINST HIM HOW THEY MIGHT DESTROY HIM

- **MATH 12:14:** Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

A parallel passage in Mark gives another detail on this plotting by the leaders of Israel.

MARK 3:6. Then the Pharisees went out and **immediately plotted with the Herodians** against Him, how they might destroy Him.

(The Herodians were the traditional enemies of the Pharisees. Yet, in their desire to defeat the purposes of God, they would align themselves with the devil himself.)

THE JEWS SOUGHT TO KILL HIM –

JOHN 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, **because the Jews sought to kill Him.**

CF. V. **JOHN 7:19-20**, "The people answered and said, "You have a demon. **Who is seeking to kill You?"**

Jesus answered and said to them, **"I did one work, and you all marvel. "**

John 7:25. Now some of them from Jerusalem said, **"Is this not He whom they seek to kill?"**

John 7:26 But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. **Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?**

THEY TOOK COUNSEL TO PUT HIM TO DEATH - **JOHN 11:53.**

JOHN 11:49. And one of them, **Caiaphas**, being high priest that year, said to them, **"You know nothing at all,**

50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish."

51 Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

JOHN 11:53:53 **Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.**

Lest We Think These Were A Minority Of Rabble Rousers Luke assures us - **"The Chief Priests Sought How They Might Kill Him" LUKE 22:2**

The people who accused him said **"he ought to die" JOHN 19:7**

And The Crowd Cried Out **"CRUCIFY HIM" JOHN 19:15**

STANDING IN OPPOSITION TO ALL THE **"HE WILL TAKES"** OF THE KING THAT THE PEOPLE DESIRED, **GOD OFFERED HIMSELF AS THE KING WHO WOULD GIVE!**

HE CAME TO **GIVE** HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR OUR SINS.

HE CAME TO **GIVE** US ETERNAL LIFE.

THIS KING CAME TO **GIVE** LIFE AND TO GIVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN IT HAD EVER BEEN EXPERIENCED BEFORE!

HE CAME TO OFFER US **CLEANSING** **HEB. 9:14**; How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

JUSTIFICATION **ROM. 5:9**: Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

SANCTIFICATION **HEB. 10:10**. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

He came and took the bond that was against us, paid it on our behalf, nailed it to his cross and cried "it is finished!"

HE LOOSED US FROM OUR SINS

Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, **REV. 1:5**

HE MADE US OVERCOMERS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB -

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. **REV. 12:11**

HE REDEEMED US FROM ALL INIQUITY

Jesus Christ* gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **TITUS 2:14*