

**1 Kings 19:14** Then he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

1. Of all people, Elijah should have quickly realized that he was out of fellowship. His soul’s spiritual status is revealed when he proclaims his devotion to the Lord with the proclamation, “I have been very zealous for the Lord.”
2. He then projects his arrogance by asserting that “the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant.” He doesn’t stop but continues his rejoinder by pointing out they have torn down His altars and killed His prophets.
3. Rather than admitting to the fact that he has failed to do his duty in the midst of the battle, Elijah rages on with his accusations and then arrogantly sums it all up with the proclamation, “I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”
4. Not one syllable in verse 14 is an expression of grace orientation, admission of wrongdoing, expressing his admission of living in the cosmic systems, calling out all the people of Israel when it was his job to stay on duty and deal with the sordid bunch.
5. Instead, he hurls blame on the people of Israel. This goes without saying. That is why the Lord had him deployed over the last three and one-half years to carryout the divine plan to get the client nation’s attention.
6. While he was in fellowship, Elijah won the victory for the Lord on Mount C armel at the altar of burnt offering, but then plunged into self-righteous arrogance when he executed the 450 priests of Baal, a decision that has since kept him in the cosmic system.
7. The future of the Northern Kingdom does not depend exclusively on Elijah being in fellowship. The sustenance of any client nation is dependent upon the presence of a pivot of mature believers who have grown in grace and relied upon divine guidance to light their way each day.
8. Elijah arrogantly asserts that he is the only person left of the nation’s pivot. This is what is referred to in psychiatry as delusions of grandeur. For example, Elijah has the mistaken belief that he is the only mature believer left in Israel.
9. But the survival of the client nation does not depend exclusively on the communicator of doctrine but those who grow in grace to spiritual maturity that preserve a nation.



10. A pastor may consistently communicate accurately the Word of God to his congregation, but if the hearers do not grow in grace and deploy the truth contained in the message, then the Pivot shrinks accordingly.
11. In a client nation, systematic involvement in human viewpoint, human good, and evil causes a major inversion of thought. Establishment standards, divine viewpoint, and application of the truths contained in Scripture are gradually exchanged for the lie.
12. When doctrine is no longer the resource for making one's decisions then the mind has to go somewhere else for guidance. The soul is the storehouse for all knowledge and one of its attributes is volition.
13. If there is no doctrinal inventory to consult, then human viewpoint, emotion, lust patterns, and doctrines of demons become easy resources to consult.
14. This situation is currently taking place in client nation America. Doctrine is the resource for grace and objectivity but they are only available to believers who are positive.
15. Those without doctrine will gravitate toward whatever idea best serves their sin natures' desires and one of the most popular is power lust. Think as they do and do as they say and you will be openly accepted and aggrandized.
16. Those who do not will be shouted down, criticized, and on some occasions physically assaulted. We have observed how Elijah carried this situation to the limit against the priests of Baal.
17. The Lord recognizes that Israel is in the market for a total housecleaning:  
**1 Kings 19:15** The Lord said to him, "Go, return on you way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael (ha-zā-el) king over Aram (Ā-ram: Syria);  
**v. 16** and Jehu (JÉ-hū), the son of Nimshi (Nim-shī) you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha (Ē-lī-sha) the son of Shaphat (shā-phot) of Abel-meholah (Ā-bel-mē-hó-lah) you shall anoint as prophet in your place.  
**v. 17** "It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.
18. There is a tremendous amount of power shifting going on among these four men as the Lord restores order in client nation Israel. This is accomplished by the reorganization of the nations by men of honor and courage.



19. The Lord was able to rearrange the political order of the northern Levant because there were those types of personalities available to perform the duties.
20. Secondly, the motivation to do so was because there were those in Israel who had maintained their personal relationship with the God of Israel.
21. Honorable leadership from the top and positive volition by mature believers enabled Israel to reorganize and move forward as a client nation.

**1 Kings 19:18** Yet I will be caused to leave [ Hiph‘el causative active perfect of שָׁאַר (sa'ar): “remain,” i.e., a remnant of or a Pivot of ] 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed his idol.

שָׁאַר (sa'ar): to remain, play a key role in the development of the remnant theme that unfolds and evolves over the course of Old Testament history. From the early beginnings of salvation history in Genesis and all the way through to the end of the Old Testament and beyond, God has sovereignly acted to preserve for Himself a remnant of people who will worship Him alone (Genesis 7:23; 1 Kings 19:18; Ezra 9:8; Isaiah 11:11, 16; 37:31; Ezekiel 9:8; Zephaniah 3:12–13; see Romans 11:5).<sup>7</sup>

22. By reorganizing the leadership of the Northern Kingdom, this new leadership provides the environment in which this body of 7,000 mature believers can restore order in the land by reintroducing the study of the Word of God into the Zeitgeist of the client nation.
23. Please note that to accomplish this the Lord had a large enough Pivot for restoration to occur: **(1)** honorable political leadership was introduced and **(2)** a significant number of believers who were positive to doctrine while being negative to the previous heresy of bowing one’s knees to Baal.
24. It is the Pivot that sustains a client nation. It consists of mature believers who have advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life, the advanced stages of a believer’s doctrinal advance.
25. These individuals have advanced in their spiritual growth motivated by their personal love for God. This enables them to put all other situations in life into perspective.

**(End RECK-20.14. See RECK-20.15 for continuation of our study at p. 141.)**

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<sup>7</sup> Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament* (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003), 1087–88.



26. They firmly understand that Jesus Christ controls history, that God the Father will back His Word, that the Holy Spirit will guide them in their decision-making from that inventory of ideas.
27. These types have signed-on to the principle of the Royal Law first cited by Moses in Leviticus 19:18. Decisions regarding others and the situations common to everyday life all remain as inflexible working objects to which one may place his faith.
28. Application of the mandate to maintain personal integrity toward others allows God to manage those who function from the cosmic systems while remaining above the mundane common to the Invisible War.
29. This allows the believer to live with a relaxed mental attitude, enjoying the copacetic spiritual life, and successfully dealing with the challenge of momentum testings from people, thought, system, and disaster.
30. Such a believer is able to live his life inside the bubble while successfully and consistently being a good witness for the Prosecution before the Divine Court of Appeals, a duty empowered by his daily occupation with Christ.
31. 1 Kings 19:18 begins with the Lord's census of all the believers in Israel who function as witnesses for the Prosecution. He begins with the Hiph'il perfect of the verb, **שָׁאַר** (*sha'ar*): "to remain."
32. This verb speaks of those who are members of the client nation's Pivot. It is translated into the English by the word *remnant*: "a small surviving group," i.e., those remaining; those yet left. Paul refers to this doctrine in:  

**Romans 11:5**                      Therefore, in the same manner also, at this present period of time [ **Church Age** ] a remnant [ **λεῖμμα (leímma)**: a **Pivot** ] has come into existence according to a selection by means of grace.
33. Remnant refers to the those believers who, regardless of the circumstances in the devil's world, have their minds focused on Jesus Christ, Who rides point, God the Father, Whose plan is perfect, and the Holy Spirit, Whose guidance keeps us focused on the objective.
34. In the present Zeitgeist of client nation America, it is imperative that believers who have advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life must also unremittingly subscribe to and scrupulously maintain a status quo of grace orientation.
35. The present-day Pivot must take on the task of engaging the enemy in the Invisible War. The combatants have their positions well-defined. The Pivot is equipped with the artillery of absolute truth while its adversaries rabidly subscribe to the lie.



36. **Principle:** It is imperative for members of the Pivot to recognize the duty God has placed upon us. That duty is the Royal Law undergirded by the sophisticated spiritual life's #1 Problem-Solving Device:

**James 2:8** If you apply the Royal Law according to the Scripture, "You shall unconditionally love from personal integrity those you encounter," honorably, you must keep doing this. (EXT)

37. Regardless of the results of the past election, it is crystal clear what remains will include cultural, political, and spiritual differences that are 180-degrees apart, summed up by Rudyard Kipling's ballad:

"Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet,

Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat."<sup>1</sup>

38. James 2:8, and the rest of the Bible's vast references to the Royal Law, clearly communicate the divine problem-solving device that must be adhered to especially during the political ascendancy of the dark side. Given vast power, this group will be vicious against those who stand in their way.
39. Believers must train themselves to stay inside the bubble. The Lord has given us the strategy we are to follow prior to His return. It is recited by Jesus in Matthew 10:16–20 and is His admonition to the twelve disciples of Israel:

**Matthew 10:16** "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

40. The Dark Side has a strategy. It is being played out before us. The elements include the release of Covid 19, worldwide contagion, government mandated lockdowns, orders to stay home, wear masks, socially distance, close businesses, widespread unemployment, constant criticism of those who do not obey, lawlessness, riots, destruction of private property, theft, burglary, violence, arson, murder, defunding of law enforcement agencies, denunciation of those in government who don't toe the line, shaming of those who do not kowtow, mail-in ballots for elections and resultant distrust in the results, yet violence threatened if the results are challenged.

All this has metastasized over the course of just ten months. This accumulation of lawlessness, intimidation, and fraud may be regarded as a coup d'état. Here are some definitions of this term:

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<sup>1</sup> Rudyard Kipling, "The Ballad of East and West," in *Rudyard Kipling: Complete Verse* (New York: Doubleday, 1940).

## Coup d'état:

Politics. A sudden decisive exercise of force whereby an existing government is subverted; an unexpected stroke of policy.<sup>2</sup>

A sudden, forceful stroke in politics; especially the sudden, forceful overthrow of a government.<sup>3</sup>

A sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.<sup>4</sup>

A sudden decisive exercise of force in politics; especially: the violent overthrow or alteration of an existing government by a small group.<sup>5</sup>

The sudden overthrow of a government by a usually small group of persons in or previously in positions of authority.<sup>6</sup>

41. The clarity of our national elections is now permanently out of focus and the integrity of future elections will be mistrusted by some while being manipulated by others.
42. With the current Zeitgeist in mind, we turn to the well-cited biblical summary of the situation in our Lord's debate with the Pharisees. The Lord had just healed a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute causing onlookers to wonder if He was the "Son of David" (Matthew 12:23).
43. The Pharisees, upon hearing of this, asserted that Jesus could only do such a thing except by the assistance of "Beélzebúl, the ruler of the demons" (Matthew 12:24).

**Matthew 12:25** And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand."

**Mark 3:24** "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

**Luke 11:17** "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls." (NASB)

Application: Twenty-first century America?

<sup>2</sup> Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2d ed. (1953), s.v. "coup d'état."

<sup>3</sup> Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary: Unabridged, 2d ed. (1962), s.v. "coup d'état."

<sup>4</sup> The New Oxford American Dictionary (2001), s.v. "coup, coup d'état."

<sup>5</sup> Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed. (2014), "coup d'état."

<sup>6</sup> The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 5th ed. (2016), "coup d'état."



44. It is because of the *Sha'ar*: the Remnant: the Pivot, made up of an unknown number of mature believers, that the plan of God preserves client nations in history, both Jewish and Gentile.
45. The Pivot in the Northern Kingdom of Israel included enough for God to preserve it for another 170 years. Below is Herbert Lockyer's summary of the kings of the Northern Kingdom of Israel beginning with Ahab all the way to the nation's demise:

God's redeemed ones, particularly the Ten Tribes, had become guilty of two national sins—1. Gross idolatry—the worship of other gods and 2. A heathenish mode of the worship of God under the form of a bullock as originated by Jeroboam I.

A remnant from Judah and the Ten Tribes returned from captivity under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah. The great, national restoration of all Jews is yet to be fulfilled. Since the termination of Jewish monarchies, the people have been “without a king” (Hosea 3:4).

Going back over the history of the Northern Kingdom we can enumerate the following facts:

While it is said that some of the kings of Judah “did right in the sight of the Lord,” not once is this said of any King of Israel.

Idolatry from first to last characterized the reigns of the kings of Israel. The oft-recurring expression, “walked in the ways of Jeroboam,” proves how Israel's first king gave character to the kingdom during its entire history. Tracing the decline and fall of idolatrous Israel, a striking illustration is afforded of the fearful consequences of sin.

The longest reign was that of Jeroboam II, and the shortest reign Zimri's—the former reigned 41 years, and the latter 7 days.

The books of the kings specially detail the history of the kings of Israel, made up of eight dynasties, the founders of which were Jeroboam, Baasha, Omri, Jehu, Shallem, Menahem, Pekah, and Hoshai.

