

# GROWING IN GOD

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## GIG233 – Nations Are Gathering Against God’s People

Hi, and welcome to this podcast. I am glad you are joining us today. I know this is a very special time in which we are hearing this podcast. We have just completed the inauguration of a new government in the US, I believe, depending on when this gets released; but it should certainly be right around that time. I want to talk about this idea of the nations gathering against God’s people. It is so evident what is happening, and it is necessary for us to understand why it is happening: the Kingdom of God is coming. Please go back to the previous podcast and listen to this explanation, so that it is very real to us individually of what is transpiring around us now. We have many, many prophecies about what will happen in the end-time relative to the nations, and God calling the nations to Himself for judgment; and we literally are watching this take place.

My hope is that with the transformation of government in the United States – and I say transformation, because I believe that is really what it is going to be – it is going to help with issues that are arising during this turmoil of the transition, not of a government just in the United States from one administration to another, but what is transpiring as a governmental changeover in the whole world; and that is, the Kingdom of God coming into the earth. When that happens, there naturally has to be a response from the nations. People are going to have to agree to be part of that Kingdom and come into subjection to the Kingdom; as the Scripture says, “Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Christ is Lord.” That confession, that submission, that knee bowing, is going to be a necessary part of this changeover of government that happens as God’s Kingdom is manifested into the earth.

We know that it is not necessarily an easy transition, as we see in the Second Psalm. Starting with verses 1-3, it says, “Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, ‘Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!’” So, the reaction of many, many nations to this idea of the Kingdom of God coming onto the earth is a rejection of it. It is tearing apart the fetters, casting away the cords, or the laws, the conditions, the requirements of that Kingdom. And so, there is a battle that ensues. A lot of times, we do not necessarily see this clearly in the book of Revelation, because it is too easy to get caught up in beasts and false prophets and some of these other things that are going on. But really, this is a war of governmental takeover. It is not that God wants it to be a war. I do not think God is looking for it to be a war. I think His idea is for there to be a blessed Kingdom, with Himself in charge, bringing truth, and righteousness, and peace, and justice, and salvation, and many things, a transition to the world.

Really, it is the beginning of the solution for every problem that we see manifesting around us today in the earth. If you really want a solution for global warming, you will find it in the Kingdom of God. If you really want to have an end to war and injustice and unrighteousness, then you will find it in the Kingdom of God. Now we, as humankind, have had thousands of years to recognize that we will never find peace and justice and truth in any human form of government. Look around the world; look around the world historically. Go back thousands of years, not just to 2,000 years ago when Christ was in the earth; go back before that, and see that you do not find through any leadership of man any solution to the

problems of the world, whether those problems be spiritual, or physical; whether they be moral, or simply man's laws of justice between his fellow man. There has been enough opportunity. If mankind has the solutions, mankind would have found those solutions by now. So, the coming of the Kingdom of God should be something that we all excitedly await and find ourselves working to be a part of, as we were taught in our prayer by Christ Himself that we should pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." We should be looking for it. We should be encouraging it. We should be a force in the spirit and in the natural to see the bringing about of the Kingdom of God into this earth.

But we see another picture unfolding. We see this picture unfolding before our very eyes, and we know so much of it is unfolding surrounding Israel. And we understand, hopefully you understand, why; because Israel represents God's chosen people, and where He physically plans on establishing this Kingdom in its beginning stages to take over the whole earth. It is really no surprise that there has been a hatred of the Jewish people and a hatred of Israel going down the millenniums. We are seeing it manifest again. It is not that it ever stopped; it certainly has ebbed and flowed in its intensity. And now, as we come closer in these days of the Kingdom, it is getting worse and worse. We could be very close to seeing the worst days of anti-Semitism, of anti-Judaism, of anti-Israel thinking, of anti-Zionism, that we have ever seen. So it is important that we understand why, because Israel is the representative of God's Kingdom. It is where the Kingdom will come on the earth and manifest, and it is the people that it will come from. Salvation comes from the Jews; these were the words of Christ. (John 4:22) This is what is happening. As it happens, and as we get closer and closer to it, we will see the nations taking their stand, as Psalm 2 talks about.

But as bad as it seems to get, in verses 4-12, it says,

He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain."

"I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"

Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

So we see this reality that the Kingdom of God is coming, and as the Kingdom of God comes, then we see the nations rising up against that Kingdom.

We know when we read in Matthew 24 about the Kingdom, Christ talks about wars and rumors of wars. And I think a lot of times it goes over our head that really what He is speaking of is the war of the nations against Israel, the war of the nations against the Jewish people, because of this coming Kingdom. It is not just some random thing that takes place around the world of a bunch of governments against each other, or nations against one another; it is wars against Israel. And I think, really for the first time, we are seeing some of the true fulfillment of the prophecy of Christ, because for the first time we are seeing wars that are happening; we are seeing Israel at war. So if we put everything into an Israel-centric concept, then for the Words of Christ to be fulfilled, we see wars, not just anywhere and

everywhere, we see wars in Israel. We see Israel at war. And right now, Israel, as we are seeing this podcast come out, is at war. Not only is Israel at war, but there are rumors of other wars. There have been rumors; and not only that, we see wars actually manifesting from those rumors, breaking out in multiple fronts against Israel.

So we have, maybe for the first time, a true fulfillment of this prophecy that there are wars and rumors of wars. Those wars are unfolding into wars, and it is continuing and ongoing. When we look around the nations to see what is happening, we see it is just absolutely beyond belief what is transpiring against the Jewish people and against Israel. We see Ireland, in fact, changing the laws of genocide in order to go and have the United Nations bring Israel to the International Court for further judgements against them. Yet at the same time, within weeks of the fall of Assad, we are finding mass graves of a hundred thousand people. Is anybody talking about bringing charges of war crimes against Assad, or others who are ruling in Syria, or backing the rule of Syria? Say, Russia, for instance, who has propped up that government and propped up the destruction of his own people, the use of chemical weapons against his people. These are just a few of the things that are taking place; and it is all one-sided, it is all focused against Israel, and bringing down Israel as a nation.

We see all of the jihadists, and people are saying, "Well, this is a good thing. The Syrian government regime has been removed." But look at what is taking over – it is a worse regime than what existed before, as far as its stance toward Israel. It has made very clear statements that it will continue the war against Israel until it takes over Jerusalem. So, what we are seeing now is really a fulfillment, a very simple fulfillment, of what Psalm 2 talked about: the nations are in an uproar. Why? Because the Kingdom of God is drawing nearer and nearer; it is becoming more and more a reality. And the very realization of that is something that the rulers of the nations are responding to, saying, "Let us throw off their fetters, let us cast away their cords." They want to refuse this government of God that is ready to come into the earth. It is a time of prayer for believers. You say, "What do we pray? How do we pray?" Well, keep using just exactly what Christ gave us: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on this earth as it is in heaven. And let it come now; cut the time short. We are to be a force praying for the Kingdom of God, and we know that the Kingdom will win.

I want to look at Isaiah the thirty-fourth chapter and just read a little more about this in the prophecies. In verses 1-3, it says,

Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it. For the Lord's indignation is against all the nations, and His wrath against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to slaughter. So their slain will be thrown out, and their corpses will give off their stench, and the mountains will be drenched with their blood.

Now, I do not think God is looking for this to be the fight. I think He is looking for every knee to bow and every tongue to confess, and He is looking for mercy to triumph over any judgment. But it does require that the rulers of the nations, that the judges of the earth, are willing to submit to His coming Kingdom; and He is going to require it. He is going to mandate that they submit, that they turn over their crowns, their kingdoms, their thrones, their governments. Why? Because God is just about done with the rulers of the nations slaughtering the peoples that are under them, as we have seen in Syria for so many years, and have seen in other nations for so long. We continue to see it in nations like Russia, and China, and many others, that have destroyed, slaughtered their own people; and it continues on and on. You do not hear the United Nations talking about it, or trying to bring them up on charges and taking them to trial

over it. No, you only hear that about Israel. Why? Because the United Nations represents this very cry that we are talking about, that God is bringing the nations before Himself: "Draw near, O nations." And I tell you, it is interesting that we live in a time when all the nations are represented in one place on this earth, and that is the United Nations building. We have seen the votes time and time again over this last handful of years; certainly this last year, in 2024, when only one or two nations would vote in favor of Israel; all other nations would vote against them in everything that was being brought before the assembly. I think we are at the time where the nations have chosen and have taken their stand against the Lord and against His Anointed. Isn't that what it talks about in verse 2 of Psalm 2: "The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed." This has happened, we are already there. I do not think we need much more water under the bridge for God to call the nations to draw near to Himself. And God will move.

I want to read one more verse here from Isaiah 2, because I want to come to a positive note in this and see that there will be a great outcome that takes place, because the Kingdom of God, very simply, will prevail. It will prevail over every nation, it will prevail over every ruler. Isaiah 2, verses 1-4.

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

What a transition! Right now we have, in the United Nations schools under UNRWA in Gaza, the youth learning war, learning hate; learning to destroy the holy mountain of God. Learning to destroy the covenant chosen people of God, who will be those standing in Zion, teaching the Law, teaching the Word of the Lord, to the nations. They will be the voice. These Words will come to pass. We can see many negative things that will transpire in the process of this fulfillment, but it is very important that we remember how it all turns out. Do not let your heart be fearful. Do not let your spirit faint. Do not fall by the wayside, do not be caught up in the confusion and the deception. Stand and proclaim what the Lord says: He is going to judge the nations, and many peoples and nations will come to the house of the Lord on the mountain of the Lord. This is the focus of the last days, not all the negative. The negative things will pass away. The wars will pass away. The rumors of wars will pass away. And as the Kingdom of God sets in, no longer will nation lift up its sword against another nation, and they will not learn war any longer.

These are the days that we long for. These are the days that we are praying into existence when we cry to the Lord with all of our heart, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on this earth, Lord, as it is in heaven." Let the mountain of the Lord be established, and let all the nations stream to it. Let the lies against Your people and Your land be broken; and let the truth of Your justice, Your love, Your government, prevail. Save this earth, Lord. Bring forth Your Kingdom.

Amen.