Should We Vote?

The success of the 2012 presidential campaign depends heavily on the Negro, Native American and Latino vote. Democrats and Republicans alike are hitting the campaign trails hard giving speeches filled with rhetoric and empty promises of false hope and change for the better!

But let us take a moment and examine the definition of "vote."

VOTE: A formal indication of a choice between two or more candidates or courses of action, expressed typically through a ballot or show hands or by voice.

Origin: late middle English, from Latin *voyum*, meaning a VOW, WISH; also from Latin *vovere*, meaning to vow.

The key point to note is that to vote is to make a vow or choice. The Israelites took their vote during the exodus out of Egypt.

Exodus 19:7-8: "And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord."

So the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob became our Rock, our President, our King.

Isaiah 43:15: "I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King."

But as time passed, we desired to be as the other nations around us. Our forefathers desired a ruler over them just as those that vote for a president/ruler/king today. However, God

forewarned us that having a king to rule over us WAS NOT in our best interest. Kings have taken our lands, caused us to fight unnecessary battles for their own pleasure, have imposed heavy taxes, enforced unjust laws, and caused our children to be lead into bondage. The same unjust acts presidents implement on their people today. The Most High allowed Israel to have a king to teach us a lesson and finally realize that a king would not be good for us.

1 Samuel 8:5-18: "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. ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. 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. ⁹ Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. 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 ear 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 oliveyards, 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."

Since we chose not to have the Most High over us, we were left to rely upon a king, a fellow, imperfect man, who could not save us from our bondage as neither can his predecessor of today, the president. Even after the election of the first so-called Black president, the oppression of the Negroes and Latinos has not ceased as the Most High warned.

Lamentations 4:17:"As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us."

Deuteronomy 32:39: "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand."

Jeremiah 17:5: "Thu saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord."

We are commanded to trust in the Most High and not sinful men, neither are we to set or elect any other nation over the house of Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:15: "Tho shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother."

Voting is putting your trust in a man's system or organization. The Lord clearly forbids the children of Israel to trust in men for our salvation.

Psalms 118:8-9: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

The righteousness of the children of Israel depends on our trust in the laws of the Most High.

Deuteronomy 6:25: "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he commanded us."

Psalms 146:3: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help." (Presidential or government candidates)

The 2009 voting records indicated the highest voter turnout ever recorded! The whole world put their trust in one man and not in the creator.

Romans 1:25: "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served(vow) the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. A-men."

We must understand that the candidates for any election do not represent the Most High or his righteousness. They only stand for the policies of the country they represent which are not in

agreement with God's laws. The Most High instructs us that he will set up righteous leaders that will lead his people according to the holy commandments and not the laws of any country. Any leader that the Most High will ELECT will be righteous.

2 Samuel 23:3 "The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me saying, he that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

Voting is nothing more than a survey revealing what society is thinking and believing in. The banking families that fund America mask themselves behind an organization called the Electoral College. It is the Electoral College that actually elects the president and makes the decisions for this country.

We must remember that the Most High brought upon us the discomforts we are experiencing and no man or civil system can reverse these curses. Repentance is the only key to success and deliverance for the Nation of Israel. It is evident that the elected presidents have not placed the children of Israel in a better position. Crime, drugs, unemployment, poverty, lack of social rights and lack of equality still exists. The ability to vote will not reverse this dilemma.

Joshua 1:8: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: <u>for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.</u>"