

A GODLY WORLD VIEW

(Psa 47:7 KJV) For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

1. THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE OLYMPICS.
 1. ***Represented the choicest of the world.***
 2. ***Beauty and pageantry.***
 3. ***The colossal task of pulling this off.***
 1. Planning, organization, implementation.
 2. Logistics of operation could be mind boggling.
 4. ***The universality of the event.***
 1. 197 nations.
 2. First time all invited nations attended.
 5. ***Non-political.***
 1. No speeches. No propaganda. President Clinton - one sentence.
 2. In this moment, no thought of war, strivings, hatred, malice, etc.
 3. For a day, a show of international brotherhood and unity. (When the games begin, brotherhood ceases!).
 6. ***Something (not everything) about it had to please God. Finally, my creation is getting together! Couldn't have been pleased with worship of Zeus.***
2. GOD'S DESIRE THAT THERE BE ONE PEOPLE.
 1. ***All men are of one blood.*** (Acts 17:26 KJV) And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;
 2. ***God's desire that the children of God of all nations be gathered together.***
 1. (John 10:16 KJV) And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
 2. (John 11:50 KJV) Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. (John 11:51 KJV) And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; (John 11:52 KJV) And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.
 3. ***There is one world but two kingdoms--the kingdom of righteousness and the kingdom of unrighteousness.***
3. MAN'S EFFORT TO UNIFY.
 1. ***Billy Payne (ACOG President). ~~A~~Nothing we can't accomplish if we come together. @***
 2. ***Tower of Babel.***
 1. One language. (Gen 11:1 KJV) And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. (Gen 11:2 KJV) And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and

they dwelt there. (Gen 11:3 KJV) And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

2. Let us build. (Gen 11:4 KJV) And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. (Gen 11:5 KJV) And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
3. Nothing will be restrained. (Gen 11:6 KJV) And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
4. Let us scatter them. (Gen 11:7 KJV) Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. (Gen 11:8 KJV) So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Gen 11:9 KJV) Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

3. ***God wasn't frowning upon the unity, but it was the way it was accomplished--outside of God.***
4. ***One ingredient was left out of the formula: The Lord Jesus Christ!***
 1. The worlds were made by Him.
 2. He humbled Himself--but has now been given a name above all.

4. WILL UNITY COME?

1. ***God's desire that the church be one.***
 1. (John 17:11 KJV) And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
 2. (John 17:21 KJV) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
 3. (John 17:22 KJV) And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
2. ***We don't have unity among Christians much less the world!***
3. ***We must be unified under one banner--the banner of love--the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ.***
 1. Protestants can't get along!
 2. There's division among spirit-filled churches and believers!
4. ***It is not God's will for us to be unified under one national flag.***
5. ***It's not even God's will that we be unified under the Christian flag.***
 1. Augustine united the world under the Christian flag at the expense of

compromise.

1. Brought paganism into the church.
2. Made the Catholic Church supreme.
2. The Church has been responsible for some of the greatest atrocities of humanity.
 1. Persecution of early Christians by the Roman church.
 2. The crusades--war in the name of Christianity.
3. So-called holy wars--the warfare in Ireland between Catholics and Protestants.
6. ***The charismatic experience is not to be our banner of unity.***
 1. We're not worshiping or exalting the gifts.
 2. We should be seeking the God the gifts instead of the gifts of God.
 3. We're not seeking to promote an experience.
 4. We're not seeking to rally people around tongues.
7. ***People find camaraderie in many ways.***
 1. Belong to same clubs; dance clubs; motorcycle clubs; fraternal orders.
 2. Common experiences.
 3. Brought together by Olympic Games.
8. ***The common bond that unites mankind is Jesus.***
 1. We're rallying around the cross; more accurately, we're rallying around the work of the cross; what the cross represented; what was accomplished by the cross.
 2. (Eph 2:13 KJV) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:14 KJV) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (Eph 2:15 KJV) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (Eph 2:16 KJV) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
9. ***There is one church; one Body.***
 1. One holy nation; one chosen people--those who have been washed in the blood of Jesus.
 2. God loves easterners as much as westerners; northerners as well as southerners.
 3. God loves Jews and Gentiles alike; bond and free; male and female; Arabs and Jews.
 4. We must realize that the majority of the world is non-white.
 1. One out of every five human beings is Chinese.
 2. About one out of seven are Indians.
 3. One third of the world's population lives in China and India.

5. ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT.

1. ***What is wrong with one world government? One leader? One currency?***
 2. ***Nothing!***
 1. It just depends on how it was brought together and who is in charge.
 2. One world government under the Lord and His Christ would be glorious-- that should be our desire.
 3. One government under an evil leader would be tragic.
 3. ***Why are we scared of efforts to dissolve national boundaries?***
 1. Fearful of losing our independence and identity.
 2. It necessitates compromise.
 1. We realize that to bring all nations together through man's efforts would require compromise to seek to please everyone.
 2. Whose god would you serve?
6. **GOD'S LOVE FOR THE WORLD.**
1. ***For God so loved the world.*** (John 3:16 KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
 2. ***That the world through Him might be saved.*** (John 3:17 KJV) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:18 KJV) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
 3. ***God is just as interested in Aone @ African being brought into His kingdom as Aone @ American.***
 1. A soul is a soul.
 2. Jesus died for all.
7. **OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE WORLD.**
1. ***We must get a vision of the Kingdom of God.***
 1. El Elyon.
 1. The God of heaven and earth.
 2. The God of all the earth; not just the God of one tribe.
 2. God's kingdom extends over all.
 1. It supersedes all earthly kingdoms.
 2. It surmounts all national boundaries.
 3. It is more important to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God than a U. S. citizen.
 3. All total allegiance is to the Kingdom of God.
 2. ***Our responsibility to the whole Body of Christ. We should be interested in what is happening in other places.***
 3. ***Our commission to the world.***
 1. (Mat 24:14 KJV) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

2. (Mark 16:15 KJV) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
 3. This is our commandment and responsibility whether we personally do it or not.
 4. The important thing is that we cease to be self-centered.
 4. ***A multitude that no man can number.***
 1. (Rev 7:9 KJV) After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
 2. (Rev 19:6 KJV) And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
 5. ***What a sight to behold! A multitude of people of every race, color, creed, national origin magnifying God and declaring Jesus as Lord and King!***
8. **THERE WILL BE ONE KINGDOM STILL STANDING.**
1. ***God's eternal kingdom.***
 1. (Dan 2:44 KJV) And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. (Dan 2:45 KJV) Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.
 2. (Dan 7:27 KJV) And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.
 2. ***All kings and kingdoms shall come under His authority.***
 1. (Rev 11:15 KJV) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
 2. (Psa 138:4 KJV) All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
 3. (Rev 21:24 KJV) And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
 3. ***Every knee will bow.***
 1. (Rom 14:11 KJV) For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

2. (Phil 2:9 KJV) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (Phil 2:10 KJV) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (Phil 2:11 KJV) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.