

**Fresh Fire Ministries**  
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**“How Did We Get Here?”**

*“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”  
Judges 21:25 (NKJV)*

Certainly you would agree that as we find ourselves in the throes of this defining moment in our nation and the world at large, full consideration must be given to the question posed in our devotional subject title. Perhaps there are a myriad of answers but we must still be bold enough to ask the question. Where we are now is the collateral result of the human condition. The part of all of us that has been tainted, colored, and influenced by the behavior of Adam and Eve in the garden which would be the first time that mankind would take matters into his own hands, apart from what God had ordained. We are all keenly aware of the choice Adam and Eve made, and the collateral impact that it has had on all mankind. So whatever the current state of affairs, it can be said that we are all implicated to some extent even when we were not in attendance at the point and time of the original fall of man.

Israel as a people was facing similar circumstances. It was every man for himself. No leadership governmentally, spiritually, or in any other way. Everyone was doing their own thing. Creating their own narrative, their own interpretation of life and their world view, and anything that did not meet their individual self-designed standard was rejected as something other than truth or reality. It was a recipe for disaster and the condoning of behaviors, values, and mores that are inconsistent with the things that God has ordained for His people. Biblical norms and standards were being dismantled and simultaneously, idol worship, wrong, chaos, and conflict were being erected in the form of some new world order. Yet it was not without precedent.

**“When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation rose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.” Judges 2:10 (NKJV)** Whenever a nation, a people, or its leadership drifts aimlessly from the things that God has ordained it is never without precedent. It is not by accident, or coincidence. It is more than intentional.

The current state of our nation and our governmental authority is unfathomable, and equally incomprehensible. The level of uncertainty and anxiety are at levels that we have never known. The current pandemic notwithstanding, we are at a place that the only help that we can expect to receive without confusion, chaos, racist overtones, politicalization of events, and self serving is from the Lord. There is enough blame to go around, and in this climate and atmosphere absolutely no ones hands are clean. We are all to blame either directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, privately or publically. To blame how we got here on one person alone would be quite disingenuous, although a rational and coherent argument could be made for that assertion. God ordains governmental authority, although the person who maintains the office may not be ordained by God. God is apolitical, and He does not vote nor does He affiliate himself with a political party.

So here we are at a place in time that we have never been before. We feel the uncertainty; we are witnessing in real time the stress and anxiety of the moment. A vote in November is not going to change it. More than likely, it will only create a whole other set of circumstances that will be released upon our nation, its people, and our world. God is the only one who can help us, and He can only do what we allow Him to do. We must first admit that we need Him and can't make it without Him. **“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal the land.” II Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)**