

Commentary — From the Margins *The Wrong Side of Righteousness*

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The Islamic State, what Sunni fundamentalists call their quasi-caliphate in eastern Syria and northern Iraq, does not tolerate democratic expression, ideological diversity, or open homosexuality; doesn't tolerate those things characteristic of modern and post-modern societies; doesn't tolerate women who do not cover or scantily clad women in public places; doesn't tolerate adultery, bestiality, or gender plurality ... it is as if the Islamic State has returned a geographical land back to the days of ancient King Josiah; for how would have CNN or CNBC have reported those things Josiah did after the lost Book of the Covenant was found in the dilapidated temple?

Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of [YHWH], and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of [YHWH]. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before [YHWH], to walk after [YHWH] and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all His heart and all His soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.

And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of [YHWH] all the vessels made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens. And he brought out the Asherah from the house of [YHWH], outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and beat it to dust and cast the dust of it upon the graves of the common people. And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes who were in the house of [YHWH], where the women wove hangings for the Asherah. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had made offerings, from Geba to Beersheba. And he broke down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on one's left at the gate of the city. However, the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of [YHWH] in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to Molech. And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of [YHWH], by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. And the altars on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars that Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of [YHWH], he

pulled down and broke in pieces and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. And the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, to the south of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And he broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and filled their places with the bones of men. Moreover, the altar at Bethel, the high place erected by Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, that altar with the high place he pulled down and burned, reducing it to dust. He also burned the Asherah. And as Josiah turned, he saw the tombs there on the mount. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned them on the altar and defiled it, according to the word of [YHWH] that the man of God proclaimed, who had predicted these things. ... And Josiah removed all the shrines also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which kings of Israel had made, provoking [YHWH] to anger. He did to them according to all that he had done at Bethel. **And he sacrificed all the priests of the high places who were there, on the altars, and burned human bones on them.** Then he returned to Jerusalem. (2 Kings 23:1–20 emphasis added)

How would NBC, ABC, CBS, FOX have reported Josiah sacrificing priests ordained by previous kings to offer sacrifices to the God of heaven; ordained by the successors of King Solomon, ordained by King Manasseh and by Manasseh's son Amon, the father of Josiah? Would not newscasters have speculated about Josiah having an Oedipus complex, while thoroughly decrying Josiah ordering the murder of priests, holy men? Would not there have been calls for *boots on the ground* to stop Josiah and his army from killing more "holy men" (how the world would identify priests offering sacrifice to the host of heaven)? Would there not be a call for increased aerial bombing? And would not observant Jews and fundamentalist Christians approve of everything Josiah did?

How much tolerance of idolatry will the Creator permit before He brings a people that function as His servants against His chosen people? How much idolatry does the Apostle Paul say He will permit?

I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For *although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to*

*acknowledge God, **God gave them up to a debased mind** to do what ought not to be done.* (Rom 1:14–28 emphasis and double emphasis added)

What can be seen from the history of the children of Israel in the Promised Land is that after God gives to an idolatrous people a debased mind, He waits what seems to the righteous to be an excessively long time before He removes a people from before Him, with the prophet Jeremiah writing,

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: "For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the Lord has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened. You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although the Lord persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets, saying, 'Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds, and dwell upon the land that the Lord has given to you and your fathers from of old and forever. Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.' Yet you have not listened to me ... that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm. Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: *Because you have not obeyed my words, behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north ... and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.* Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Then *after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity ..., making the land an everlasting waste. I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations.* For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands." (Jer 25:1–14 emphasis added)

The Lord used Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon as His servant to punish Jerusalem and the house of Judah for their idolatry; then the Lord raised up Cyrus to punish Babylon for its idolatry.

Thus says [YHWH], your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish, who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,' and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins'; who says to the deep, 'Be dry; I will dry up your rivers'; **who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose'**; saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

Thus says [YHWH] to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call

you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you (though you do not know me) that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things. ... (Isa 44:24–45:7 emphasis added)

The Lord also used Cyrus to order construction of the rebuilt temple of God, which is today the Christian Church (1 Cor 3:16–17; 2 Cor 6:16), not a physical building but a construction of living stones (see 1 Pet 2:4–6), a living temple, the assembly that Christ Jesus is building, with the living inner selves of disciples being as Levites were in the wood and stone temple Solomon built (their fleshly bodies being analogous to hewn stone and cedar planking). Therefore, as Nebuchadnezzar served as the physical shadow and type [the chiral image] of the spiritual king of Babylon (Isa 14:4), Cyrus will serve as a shadow and type of the anointed One who orders that the temple of God be rebuilt on the site of its former foundation. And as Cyrus deposed the successors of Nebuchadnezzar, the Son of Man will depose the spiritual king of Babylon, the Adversary.

Unfortunately for the Islamic State, humanity doesn't dwell in the 6th-Century BCE. God has moved-on from punishing physical idolatry to punishing spiritual idolatry. For with the giving of the spirit of God [*pneuma Theou*] to first Christ Jesus (Mark 1:10) then to ten of Jesus' first disciples (the spirit of God in the spirit of Christ [*pneuma Christou*] — John 20:22), the Law moved from regulating the acts of hands and bodies [e.g., murder and adultery — Matt 5:21–22, 27–28] to regulating the desires of hearts and the thoughts of minds in anticipation of the glorification of the inner self [the soul, *psuche*] of human persons. Thus, Leviticus' prohibitions against, say, a man lying with another man as he would with a woman move from condemning by stoning the sodomites so as to purge evil from the camp of Israel to delivering to the Adversary the sodomites for the destruction of their fleshly bodies in hopes that their spirits might be saved when their judgments are revealed.

Consider how Paul handled a situation addressed by Moses, the statute highlighted:

Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name. And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death, then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech. If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. **Keep my statutes and do them;** I am the Lord who sanctifies you. For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him. ***If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. If a man lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.*** If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed perversion; their blood is upon them. **If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an**

abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. If a man takes a woman and her mother also, it is depravity; he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no depravity among you. If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness, and he shall bear his iniquity. If a man lies with a woman during her menstrual period and uncovers her nakedness, he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from among their people. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for that is to make naked one's relative; they shall bear their iniquity. If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. If a man takes his brother's wife, it is impurity. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless. **You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them.** But I have said to you, 'You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples. You shall therefore separate the clean beast from the unclean, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have set apart for you to hold unclean. ***You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.*** A man or a woman who is a medium or a necromancer shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them. (Lev 20:2–27 emphasis, double emphasis, and highlighting added)

Clearly Moses in relaying the commands of the Lord, commanded that both the man who laid with his father's wife and the wife be put to death—and this is today what the Islamic State would do. This wannabe caliphate would, in following Mohammad's commands, follow Moses' commands.

But Paul moves physical death up a hierarchal notch:

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. (1 Cor 5:1–7)

In delivering a person to Satan, the person is spiritually condemned into the second death. There is no hope for the person unless he or she repents and brings forth fruit worthy of repentance. And if such repentance occurs, there will be joy for a person lost will have been saved. If the person doesn't repent, no tears should be shed for the person who knew God but chose to worship the flesh, satisfying fleshly lusts that are truly "real" lusts,

powerful feelings, but are not the feelings a man should have for his father's wife, usually the man's stepmother.

So what about the person with a homosexual son or daughter, mother or father, brother or sister? Under Moses, was not such a person also to be put to death? Indeed, such a person was. And in the Islamic State, such a person still is put to death, with Western journalists lamenting ISIS thugs' intolerance of alternate lifestyles ... exactly how tolerant is the Lord of homosexuality? No more tolerant than He is of a man uncovering his father's nakedness. Therefore, returning to Paul, should not the homosexual son or daughter be delivered to the Adversary for the destruction of the flesh? And what does this mean in a practical sense?

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you." (1 Cor 5:9–13)

The person who practices homosexuality is a sexually immoral person, as is both the man who lies with his father's wife and his father's wife. Paul had previously written to the holy ones at Corinth to not associate with such individuals, but here he modifies his previous instructions, adding the caveat *<anyone who bears the name of brother>*, that is anyone who identifies him or herself as a Christian.

In the case of a family member who is openly homosexual, unless the family member professes to be a Christian, the family member is a sexually immoral person of the world. As such, in the modification Paul made to his original instructions to the holy ones at Corinth, if the family member professes to be of Christ, the family member is delivered to the Adversary for the destruction of the flesh. No interaction with the family member would be permitted in the hopes that shunning would bring the family member back into covenant with God. However, if the family member makes no claim to being of Christ, interaction would be permitted as it would be permitted with swindlers, drunkards, and the greedy of this world. For in moving from Moses to Christ Jesus, the nation of Israel went from being an assembly of fleshly bodies that needed to stone adulterers and the sexually immoral to maintain the purity of the whole to being an assembly of inner selves that maintains its purity by expelling from it (through delivering a person to Satan) those who flaunt righteousness through doing things that Moses prohibits.

Until the giving of the spirit, human society could not evolve beyond the primitive barbarism of three and a half millennia ago. Thus, for the endtime stage to be set so that the industrialized world could bring humanity to the brink of self-extermination, sexual immorality had to be permitted so that debased minds could focus on solving quadratic equations rather than on hiding defilement; focus on enriching uranium and manufacturing plutonium; focus on commodities' futures market, on international currency exchanges, on extracting oil from tar sands and oil-bearing shale. This isn't to say that every scientist, every banker, every broker has a debased mind. This is to say, however, that the God of Abraham, with Israel as His firstborn son (Ex 4:22), did not tolerate Korah's appeal for democracy (Num chap 16), and will not tolerate ideological diversity (transgression of the 1st Commandment), marriage between Believers and Unbelievers, or homosexuality. This is to say that God will intervene when humanity can get no farther

away from Him—and this is to say that the Islamic State, in stoning a woman to death for adultery, is attempting a figurative stone-age resistance movement to the march of humanity away from God.

The Rock that followed Israel across the Sea of Reeds—this Rock being Christ Jesus (1 Cor 10:1–4)—commanded Moses to have the people of Israel stone to death the Sabbath breaker found gathering sticks after the Law was given at Mount Sinai:

While the people of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation. They put him in custody, because it had not been made clear what should be done to him. And [YHWH] said to Moses, "The man shall be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp." And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death with stones, as [YHWH] commanded Moses. (Num 15:32–36)

The Sabbath Commandment was written as one of Ten Living Words on two tablets of stone. The man had broken the Law as written on stone tablets; so it was appropriate for the man to be stoned for breaking words inscribed on stone. But with the giving of the spirit to the disciples of Jesus, the Law—same Law—was written on two tablets of flesh, the heart and the mind of the disciple—and smiting the non-physical heart of a person doesn't physically kill the fleshly body of the person. Therefore, the movement of the Law from regulating hands and bodies to regulating the desires of hearts and the thoughts of minds requires an appropriate movement away from stoning transgressors to shunning transgressors.

The thugs of the Islamic State are people without spiritual understanding. As such, they pose a real danger to Believers, but they pose an even greater danger to the godless culture of industrialized nations; for if God so chooses, He could use these fundamental literalists to punish societies that not only condone homosexuality, but that openly unites men with men and women with women in mock marriages, sanctioned by national governments certain to soon collapse.

Today, of all nations, which nation[s] makes a distinction between clean and unclean beasts or between clean and unclean birds? The modern State of Israel should and Observant Jews do, but the nation does not prevent *the other white meat* from being sold within its borders. And no self-identified Christian nation makes a distinction. So how about Islamic nations, with the Qur'an having a similar though not identical listing of clean and unclean animals ... can a Christian in Iraq obtain a pork chop, bacon, slaughtered hogs? If the Christian can—and the Christian can—then the secular government of Iraq will not stand, but will be overwhelmed by a more righteous people, a people that will not tolerate a man lying with another man as he would with a woman.

Again, with the giving of the spirit post-Calvary, a *Christian* is not the fleshly body of a human person—the body that can be beheaded—but the living inner self of the person who has been truly born of spirit and therefore resurrected from death, this death having come upon all peoples regardless of where or when they dwell on this earth when Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of God before they could eat of the Tree of Life, a metaphorical myth that functions as biblical prophecy about the second or last Adam [the glorified Christ Jesus] and the second or last Eve, the spirit of Christ [*pneuma Christou*], a life-giving spirit [*pneuma*] (1 Cor 15:45), with the last Adam and the last Eve being one spirit as the first Adam and the first Eve were one flesh (Gen 2:24).

The mysteries of God cannot be understood by ISIS thugs, or by Christians that refuse to walk in this world as Christ Jesus walked. Certainly ISIS thugs can read and understand the words of Moses, and can even—within the parameters given by Mohammad—execute the commands of Moses, but neither ISIS thugs nor lawless Christians can mentally solve for unknowns through the use of dual referents. Neither can function in a realm of metaphorical texts that has the glorified Christ Jesus being both the last Adam and the last Eve, with the spirit of God the Father [*pneuma Theou*] having entered into the spirit of Jesus [*pneuma 'Iseou*] when the spirit of God descended in the bodily form of a dove and entered into [*eis* — from Mark 1:10] the man Jesus when John raised Jesus from the waters of the Jordan to fulfill all righteousness (Matt 3:15). Neither realize that there will be a Second Passover liberation of Israel when the world can get no farther from God. Therefore, the effort by ISIS thugs to force righteousness onto a world that is about as far from God as it can get—their carnal concept of righteousness; a concept that is, however, thoroughly supported by Moses—will only delay the inevitable, and does not significantly hasten the coming of the Messiah. But perhaps this is how the pre-Second-Passover scenario is supposed to play itself out; for there is at least a thirty day window between the Passover and the second Passover in the year of the Second Passover that casts no prophetic shadow in Scripture other than the Adversary and his angels being cast from heaven and into space-time during the first days of the Endurance in Christ (the last 1260 days of the seven endtime years of tribulation) ... the suggestion of Scripture is that a similarity will exist between the Passover and the second Passover in the year of the Second Passover as will be seen in the first thirty days after the Adversary and his angels have dominion taken from them (Rev 12:7–12), these thirty days being represented by Revelation chapters 12:13 though 13:18. The suggestion of Scripture is that these two periods are chiral images one of the other. But because of the spiritual darkness preceding the midnight hour at which greater Christendom will be liberated from indwelling sin and death, not much more can be said concerning the run-up to the Second Passover liberation of Israel, the nation to be circumcised of heart.

Much of the industrialized world publicly identified itself with the twelve victims of the *Charlie Hebdo* massacre, committed by two radicalized Islamic fundamentalists. Through chanting or displaying placards with the phrase “je suis Charlie” [“I am Charlie”] on the streets of Paris and elsewhere, the industrialized world expressed solidarity with the victims; yet in Niger police clashed with crowds chanting, *Charlie is Satan—let hell engulf those supporting Charlie*, with four being killed, including one policeman. Similar protests against *Charlie Hebdo* were held in Chad, Algeria, and Pakistan. And what’s seen is a world divided against itself, a world where no peace is possible without committing cultural genocide by one side or the other, with the United States and particularly President Obama having no stomach for real *change you can believe in*, true cultural genocide fought against a determined enemy. The President seems only to have courage enough to attack Christians who will not fight back when caged in an ideological arena.

President Obama, however, is no match for Vladimir Putin, a sad commentary on the character of the American electorate. Nor is President Obama a match for ISIS’s thuggish leadership; for while the President is willing to wage war against American conservatives; against American Christians, the President is overmatched by those who would take sledgehammers to three thousand year old stone idols once buried by the shifting sands of time. He is overmatched by his own femininity, displayed for all the world to see in a green

frog costume, an amphibian living in two worlds—in the crescent of wilderness between the world in which Putin and Abu Bakr'al-Baghdadi reside and the world in which Susan Rice and Samantha Power reside.

The prophet Isaiah wrote,

For behold, the Lord [*YHWH*] of hosts is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah support and supply, all support of bread, and all support of water; the mighty man and the soldier, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the elder, the captain of fifty and the man of rank, the counselor and the skillful magician and the expert in charms. And **I will make boys their princes, and infants shall rule over them.** And the people will oppress one another, everyone his fellow and everyone his neighbor; the youth will be insolent to the elder, and the despised to the honorable. For a man will take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying: "You have a cloak; you shall be our leader, and this heap of ruins shall be under your rule"; in that day he will speak out, saying: "I will not be a healer; in my house there is neither bread nor cloak; you shall not make me leader of the people." For **Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord, defying His glorious presence.** For the look on their faces bears witness against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves. Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for what his hands have dealt out shall be done to him. My people—**infants are their oppressors, and women rule over them.** O my people, your guides mislead you and they have swallowed up the course of your paths. (Isa 3:1–12 emphasis added)

America, today, lives in an age when women rule and children oppress—and Americans have come to accommodate sexual immorality, calling what should be an abomination a civil right guaranteed by the Constitution.

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