

Trudeau's Political Postmortem

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Whether the Prime Minister of Canada remains in office following the recent trucker's convoy to Ottawa, or not, he has sealed his legacy forever through draconian measures he imposed upon the citizens of Canada in a misguided attempt to control a plague that was predestined to come to its own conclusion, in its own time.

Had this politician understood certain vital lessons/principles in "God's word", which apply to every generation, he could have spared Canadian citizens a great deal of pain and suffering. Also, if it were a condition for every leader to read God's word and refer to it for guidance, throughout their tenure, then our world would experience a great deal more peace, happiness, and prosperity.

*Also it shall be, when he (the leader) sits on the throne of his kingdom (begins ruling), that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear (have respect for) the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, ²⁰**that his heart may not be lifted above** (become proud/arrogant toward) **his brethren** (citizens), *that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom (or office)....* (Dt. 17:18-20a; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

So if Prime Minister Trudeau referred to Biblical examples involving the interaction of leaders with their citizens, the last thing he would do is

levy fines, combined with other punitive actions by police and the judicial branch of government. Instead, he should have been actively working to remove all the restrictions associated with COVID-19. Had he openly moved in this direction, many Canadians would have expressed gratitude rather than disgust and anger toward him. Sadly, as we will see, Justin Trudeau followed the tyrannical example of King Rehoboam whose words and actions permanently fractured the country he was responsible for serving and leading.

Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place (1Kgs 11:43).

....Then Jeroboam and the whole congregation of Israel (all twelve families of Jacob) came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, ⁴"Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you." (1Kgs 12:3b-4; Ed. note in parenthesis).

So here was the opportunity to communicate in a way that expressed genuine concern for the citizens' request, but Rehoboam was more focused on impressing his friends and close associates than serving the people he was responsible for. Consequently, like an impudent child, he hid behind the protection of his position and responded in the bombastic language of a dictator.

Then the king answered the people roughly (harshly), and rejected the counsel (advice) which the elders had given him; ¹⁴and he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men (foolish and inexperienced individuals), saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will

chastise you with scourges (whips with sharp metal pieces attached)!" (1Kgs 12:13-14; Ed. notes in parentheses).

At this point, the king's childish behavior divided "the once-united nation" permanently, which led to the formation of two new nations; also referred to as "the house of Judah" and "the house Israel". Sadly, as these nations went their separate way, they were weakened militarily which contributed to their eventual defeat at the hands of the Assyrians and Babylonians respectively.

Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying: "What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse (Rehoboam was the grandson of Jesse). To your tents, O Israel (ten families descended from Jacob)! Now, see to your own house, O David (now only the families of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi; collectively known as "the Jews")! So Israel departed to their tents.
¹⁷*But **Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel (Jacob) who dwelt in the cities of Judah** (specifically, those of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi; collectively known as "the Jews") (1Kgs 12:16-17; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

***So Israel (ten families that descended from Jacob) has been in rebellion against the house of David ("the Jews") to this day** (1Kgs 12:19; cf. 1Kgs 12:21-24; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

The conclusion should be obvious. If any leader ignores, threatens, demonizes, marginalizes, or belittles some of his/her own citizens, they will eventually rebel. Based on the example of Rehoboam, this leads to the permanent division of a nation. And, because there is an increase in selfish, foolish, childish, and dictatorial leaders in

the western world today, it is only a matter of time until the democratic order is destroyed permanently. What's left after this occurs is a compilation of authoritarian systems ruling this planet. That is "the end game" if leaders in the west continue down this reckless and abusive path.

When a political leader invokes "emergency powers" to subjugate citizens that hold a different opinion, and other western leaders make "no comment", it should confirm that democracy is in its death knells.

Justin Trudeau's recent actions are "the watershed moment" that will be remembered as "the point of no return" for western democracy.

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