

Just as Pharaoh was no help to Israel in Isaiah's time, the Republican Party is no friend of Almighty God. It is pretend salt. It looks like salt, talks like salt, seeks the vote and friendship of salt. But, when the test of taste comes, it is revealed for what it really is – a tasteless enabler of perdition. That's right! The Republican Party wants true salt to remain in the salt shaker while it goes on its merry way compromising every principle in God's Word. It only needs true salt to come out during election cycles. It cherishes the vote of salt, but hates its voice.

The problem with all of this is that salt is more than happy to remain in the salt shaker. Its more than happy to rely on the Republican Party rather than the God of the Bible. We want others to fight our battles for us. Thank God for Sarah – now we can vote for John McCain. We fear Barack Obama so much that we are going to ally ourselves once again to that broken reed that pierces the man's hand who leans on it. Pharaoh was no more Israel's friend than the Republican Party is ours.

“Woe to the obstinate children,” declares the Lord, “to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge. But Pharaoh's protection will be your shame and Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace...” Isaiah 30:1-3.

Sarah Palin is God's judgment upon His church in America, and upon men in particular. He is calling Christian men to repent of apathy and indolence, and a willingness to remain in the salt shaker while looking for a hero or heroine to take care of matters for us. We men, who claim the Name of Christ, have become irresponsible cowards relying on women and the Republican Party to fix those things that only God can fix.

What is our hope? The same as it was in Isaiah's day. We men must repent of our sin and take up our place at the exposed places of the city. **“This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.”** Isaiah 30:15.

This is exactly where we find ourselves in America today. We will do everything but seek the God of the Bible. We are willing to rely on anyone but Him. Therefore, the only One who can bring us *salvation and rest* is completely ignored while we all labor and spin trying to fix that which God has made crooked.

God is fixing to get us into a fix that we can't fix, so that He can fix us. In case you haven't noticed, He has more disaster than our federal government has relief.

Here is God's Word to us, **“O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious He will be when you cry for help. As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord has given you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction your teachers will be hidden no more. With your own eyes you will see them ...your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the way, walk in it.”** Isaiah 30:19-21.

Sarah's story is a sign for all of us who love God to turn to Him—not to the Republican Party. Sarah is a true believer. She is one of us. The Republican Party would never allow a man or a woman like her to move into its upper echelons of power. Only a God who directs the hearts of kings could orchestrate such a magnificent fete.

Sarah Palin is a breath of fresh air for all of us, but she is not our Savior any more than Barack Obama is a Savior for those on the left. Don't

pray and hope that Sarah may run for President in 2012. It is not a sign of God's blessing when women lead. It is a sign of His judgment. Pray rather that God will have used Sarah as a goad for Christian men to rise up and be as bold as she is in Jesus' Name.

God was looking for a man to speak for Him and found him in a woman named Sarah. This is a judgment of God Himself on the sorry state of the Republican Party and the pathetic estate of Christian manhood in America. Indeed, it is like Deborah in Judges 4 who tried to get Barak to go into battle, but he would not unless she (Deborah) went with him. She pronounced a curse upon him for that. For what? For allowing a woman to fight the battles that he was supposed to fight.

God used Sarah Palin in this recent election. This was not to prepare the ground for her so that she could run for President in 2012, but that she would be a “living parable” portraying the sorry estate of Christian men in this nation. For those of us who *threw our vote away* on John McCain, we need to repent. We despised our birthright for a mess of pottage.

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**“Sarah Palin -
a Sign of God's Blessing
or God's Curse”**

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There can be no doubt about it; Sarah Palin is God's man! She is a sign and a judgment from God Himself upon our nation. With countless biblical and historical illustrations paving the way before her, she is yet another fulfillment of that old passage in **Isaiah 3:12**, "**Youths oppress my people, women rule over them. O my people, your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path.**"

The nation Israel was turning away from God in Isaiah's time. Women ruling was a sure sign of this change. Youths and women will always lead when men fail. It is a sign, a judgment from God Himself, that His people are moving away from His divine order to one of their own making. This is, "**Change - that we can believe in.**" When women lead, it is not God's order.

Indeed, this judgment manifested itself long ago in the Democratic Party. This is the party where the women are women and the men are, too. Or should I say, the women act like men because the men can't.

In the upside down world of liberal group-think, women lead and men busy themselves getting in touch with their feminine side. Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, Maxine Waters, Barbara Boxer,

et. al., are leading and whining, while Harry Reid, Chuckie Schumer, Barney Frank, Joe Biden, ad nauseam, are competing for "face time" on camera and, of course, whining about being victims of right wing hate.

Bill and Hillary Clinton (*youths oppress my people and women rule over them*) were obvious judgments upon a party that hates God. The absolute homage that must be paid to abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia, and any false religion, but true Christianity, is indicative of a people who hate God, "**...all who hate me love death.**" **Proverbs 8:36**. Its vitriol and animus toward anyone or anything Godly can be traced back to the Garden of Eden where God placed a curse upon the serpent, "**And I will put enmity (hatred) between you and the woman and between her seed and yours...**" **Genesis 3:15**. Democrats are a personification of this hatred.

Democrats hate and blame. They don't know why, that's just what they do. They are completely ignorant of their motivation to hate anyone or anything biblical or Godly. Their infantile and visceral loathing of men and women like George Bush or Sarah Palin knows no bounds.

It is a manifestation of the battle between two seeds in **Genesis 3:15**. Democrats will tolerate any god known to man except the God of the Bible. Why? Because He is God and there is no other. Poor Democrats. That means they can't be god. These are not happy people.

This brings us to Sarah from Alaska. She has been appointed by God Himself as a sign and a judgment that all is not well in the Church of Jesus Christ these days. If it is not right here, it will certainly not be right in the Republican Party, or the city, or the state, or our nation. Just as women leading in the Democratic Party is not a sign of progress, but a sign of judgment, the same is true when women lead in the Republican

Party. The only man that God could find to fight the devil and his lies was a woman.

She fought battles and won them in the strong Name of Jesus in her local PTA. She took on political corruption in her city. She battled the state and city bureaucrats of Alaska and, with God's help, brought a measure of integrity back to a government that had become a political cesspool. Many of the most corrupt were members of her own Republican Party. Sarah is indeed, God's man.

If anyone doubts the miraculous hand of Almighty God in her selection to be the Vice-Presidential candidate for the Republican Party, one only need consider the impossibility of it all. It took the hopeless situation of the "original maverick" to move his heart toward Sarah. His campaign was dead in the water. "**The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever He pleases.**" **Proverbs 21:1**.

God allowed John McCain to become a real maverick in his Party by using McCain's unwavering commitment to *pragmatism* and *compromise* to accomplish His will. God caused him to reach further than he had ever reached before, to a group of people that he had never attempted to reach before – evangelical Christians. Senator McCain has no innate love for Christians. He did, however, have a deep desire to be elected President.

Sarah never would have had the opportunity to move up in the Republican hierarchy like this in any other way. It was the miraculous handiwork of God. Why? Because the Republicans hate the Jesus in Sarah Palin's heart just as much as the Democrats do. Yes, the battle between two seeds (**Genesis 3:15**) exists in the Republican Party, too.

God directed John McCain to pluck, from out of

nowhere, the Governor of Alaska to be his running mate. Don't call John McCain brilliant – this was God's pick. Sarah Palin is a dynamic Christian woman who has proved faithful in the little and is now being moved to a position to be faithful in the much. She is ready! She has lion and bear stories that have brought her through God's refining fire as pure gold. She is able.

But, is she a sign of God's blessing or curse?

Unfortunately, great men of God, known leaders of the evangelical church, misread Sarah's selection as a sign of blessing from God Himself. "God is giving us one more chance!" they exclaimed. "God has raised up for us an Esther – a Deborah, to fight our battles for us!" Yes, great men who know the Bible and the God of the Bible, like Barak before them (read **Judges 4-5**), are always looking for someone else to fight their battles for them.

Before Sarah emerged on the scene, these evangelical leaders were struggling to give their support to a Party that had so often betrayed the God they love. The choices were terrible: Romney, Giuliani, or McCain. There seemed to be no hope. Several of them met in Salt Lake City a few months before the nominations to consider what they should do. Do we start a third Party? Do we sit this election out? They broke out in fervent prayer weeping before God that He would send them a sign. God answered their prayers.

When Senator McCain announced his vice presidential nominee on Thursday, September 11, 2008, we heard a prolonged and jubilant sigh of relief sweep across the evangelical church in America. The evangelical church was going to put its faith back in the Republican Party – not God – one more time! Yes, now we have Sarah! She will save us from big bad Barack Obama. She is the sign we have been looking for. How convenient.