

Is Your Patriotism Scriptural?

Is your patriotism Scriptural? The patriotism that is commonly practiced today is not. The following are some reasons why. As you read these reasons, prayerfully consider whether or not your patriotism is Scriptural.

1. The devil is the prince of this world. All physical countries are included in the world which he is the prince of. John 12:31 – **“Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world (satan) be cast out.”** We do not want to support the kingdom of the prince of this world, who shall be cast out.

2. We are to be in the world, but **“not of the world”**, even as Yahshua¹ is **“not of the world”**. (John 17:14) We cannot be the Almighty’s children, and yet be a part of the world. 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 – **“Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate,’ saith Yahweh, ‘And touch not the unclean thing (the world), and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons**

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Yahshua is the Name of the Savior spoken of in the Scriptures. While the terms “Jesus” and “Christ” originate in idol worship, the Name Yahshua is of pure origination. Comparing Josh. 1:1 with Acts 7:44-45, we can see that Joshua (same name as Yahshua) was called “Jesus” too, and yet we still call him Joshua. Should not we keep calling our Savior His Name, Yahshua, too?

daughters,’ saith Yahweh Almighty.”² Are you of the world, touching the unclean thing; or are you simply in the world?

3. **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of the Almighty abideth forever.”** (1 John 2:15-17) Who do you love, Yahweh or the world? Will you abide forever, or will you pass away with satan and his world?

4. **“The friendship of the world is enmity with Yahweh. Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of Yahweh.”** (James 4:4) Either we are Yahweh’s friend, or the world’s friend. Which are you?

5. We must not try to be like the nations about us. 1 Samuel 8:5-7 – **“Yahweh’s people said, ‘Make us a king to judge us, like all the nations.’ And Yahweh said, ‘They have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.’ ”** We must reject either Yahweh or the world. Which one will you

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Yahweh is the Original Name of the Creator spoken of in the Scriptures. While the terms “Lord” and “God” originate in idol worship, the Name Yahweh is of pure origination, and is the Creator’s Name. (See Psalm 68:4. Jah = Yah, which is a shortened version of Yahweh.)

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6. Yahshua's Kingdom is not of this world. **"Yahshua said, 'My Kingdom is not of this world; if My Kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is My Kingdom not from hence.' "** (John 18:36) We are to be **"strangers and pilgrims on the earth"** (Hebrews 11:9-10, 13:16), seeking Yahshua's Heavenly country, the New Jerusalem, which shall descend with Him when He returns. Revelation 21:1-2 – **"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I saw the set-apart city, New Jerusalem, coming down from Yahweh out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."** New Jerusalem is the only country that we should give our allegiance and patriotism to.

7. We must choose between Yahweh and the **"strange countries"** of this world (Hebrews 11:9). **"If it seem evil unto you to serve Yahweh, choose you this day whom you will serve, whether the idols which your fathers served, or the idols in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh. Yahweh forbid that we should forsake Yahweh, to serve idols. We will serve Yahweh, for He is the Almighty."** (Joshua 24:15-18) **"No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."** (Matthew 6:24)

As clearly shown, the patriotism that is so commonly embraced today is not Scriptural, and is not smiled upon by Yahweh. Which country (kingdom) do you give your allegiance to? Does Yahweh smile on your patriotism?

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For a wealth of information on being set apart unto Yahweh, and separate from the world, go to the Scriptures. From Genesis to Revelations, there is much instruction for us to learn from..

Also pray to Yahweh for wisdom, guidance and strength. Matthew 7:7-8 – **"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened."**

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