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## (#188) The Proverbs of Solomon 28:2- For Which Leader Do You Vote?

### Proverbs 28:2:

Because of the transgression of a land, many are its princes; but by a man of understanding and knowledge right will be prolonged.

A country, nation, and people who become corrupted by “transgression,” has frequent, often violent, turnovers in leaders. Solomon later said:

- When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory; but when the wicked arise, men hide themselves. ([Proverbs 28:12](#))

God spoke through Jeremiah and said:

‘O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?’ says the LORD. ‘Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel! The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.’ ([Jeremiah 18:6-10](#))

God’s case against Israel was because they followed their wicked king, instead of obeying God:

When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria. For they have committed fraud; a thief comes in; a band of robbers takes spoil outside. They do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness; now their own deeds have surrounded them; they are before My face. They make a king glad with their wickedness, and princes with their lies. ([Hosea 7:1-3](#))

A nation that chooses corrupt leaders has chosen its own destruction! The only remedy is to turn to God and choose “a man of understanding *and* knowledge” so that “right will be prolonged.” Not all government leaders are to be followed if they abandon God:

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel



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together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.' He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: 'Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.' ([Psalm 2:1-6](#))

No concerted effort of "the kings of the earth" can overthrow God's "King," Jesus Christ, who now is on the throne of David in Heaven ([Acts 2:25-32](#)). Only a President and Congressional leaders who understand and know God's Will can and should lead a country in the right way! It is by God's Wisdom that:

- Kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. ([Proverbs 8:15-16](#))

It is a wicked people who elect (and re-elect!) wicked leaders who justify their wickedness!

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