

Why Trump Is Hated Almost as Much as Abraham Lincoln Was

There are few moments in American history as pivotal as the civil rights movement. But victories for equality didn't come without major pushback. In fact, even Abraham Lincoln, the first president to take a firm stand against slavery, was attacked fiercely for advancing the abolitionist cause.

We're seeing similar attacks now, although the issues may look slightly different. Today, President Donald Trump is working hard to advance the causes of Israel and the pro-life movement, and as a result, he's been viciously attacked. I would go so far as to say that no one except Abraham Lincoln has been more attacked and hated than Trump is.

I recently spoke with Pastor Kevin Williams, who leads New Jerusalem Cathedral in Greensboro, North Carolina. Interestingly, Greensboro played a key role in the civil rights movement. In 1960, four black students went into a whites-only restaurant there and wanted to be served. That act of righteous defiance stirred up protests across the South and helped stoke the civil rights movement nationwide.

But Williams says most people don't know their own history, and as a result, it blinds them to what God is doing in our nation now.

"If you don't know where you come from and you don't know the history of where you come from, then—definitely as Christians—you don't understand the prophetic side of what is happening and what is to take place," he says. "Then the challenge is that you won't know the move of God once it happens.

"It's almost like the Pharisees and the Sadducees talking about the Messiah coming, but when He walks in front of them,

then they don't know who He is. It's the same thing when it comes to prophecy and fulfillment."

Williams says Trump has a divine responsibility and assignment from God. Part of that assignment has to do with Israel. Williams recalls telling people in 2015 that Trump would become president, yet no one believed him. But Williams knew Trump would be elected because of the way he was treating Israel.

"Israel was abandoned by the last administration for a couple of months," he says. "Then Donald Trump made the statement, 'Israel, don't worry. Hang on, I'm coming.' And ultimately, that is the divine assignment of God—when you look at the fact that [Trump] made the promise that he was going to put the embassy in Jerusalem. And he did."

Trump took a step further in his assignment when his administration created a peace plan that gave a road map toward peace between Israel and Palestine. One of the most profound parts of the proposed plan was that it gave Israelis the right to worship at the Temple Mount, which Williams says aligns with God's promise in His Word.

"God made a statement that said, 'I'm going to put My name on this Temple Mount,' and now Satan has been fighting it tooth and nail," he says. "And here Donald Trump has come, whether knowingly or unknowingly, as the assignment of God to fulfill prophetic utterances of God, prophetic understandings of Scriptures that will aid Israel while at the same time blessing the United States."

Williams offered even more of his profound insight in our interview than I can share here. He unpacked cultural and political shifts he is seeing in the black community as well as prophetic parallels between modern politics and biblical prophecies. So make sure you listen to my podcast with him here!

Also, if you want to learn more about how God is using Trump and what's at stake if he loses in 2020, get my newest book, *God, Trump and the 2020 Election*.