Dear Citizen of Heaven Through Faith in Christ,

Only days from now, Americans will cast their vote to elect someone to the most powerful position in the world. With so much riding on the outcome, the intensity of the contest has reached fever pitch. Unprecedented expressions of concern, confusion, fear, and outright anger have enveloped the upcoming Presidential election. From a human perspective, our nation’s future hangs in the balance, and yet, as citizens, we are faced with the unenviable position of deciding between deeply flawed individuals.
For the past year, I have carefully followed the issues and positions of the candidates, and I have made a personal decision as to whom I will be voting for. And, while I strongly believe this election will have major implications for the future of our country, I have, nonetheless, made a decision not to share my choice with you. From my position as a Christian leader, I would literally give my life in defense of the truths found in the inspired Word of God, but my choice of who should be our next president is only my best subjective opinion.

At this point, no one knows who our next president will be, nor do we know what they will be able to achieve.

■ Will the president be a man or a woman?
■ Will they be to the far left or to the right in their political ideologies?
■ Will they be a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?
■ Will they be able to reverse the moral decay of our nation which is at the center of a dangerous downward spiral?
■ Will they be able to appoint Supreme Court justices who will be guided by the American Constitution?
■ Will they be able to strengthen our weakened military?
■ Will they be able to build a wall on our southern border to control illegal immigrants?
■ Will they be able to preserve our right to defend ourselves?
■ Will they be able to improve our economy?
■ Will they be able to improve the medical system for all Americans?
■ Will they be able to help our desperately needy inner-cities with policies that work?

In my opinion, our country has tragically passed the “point of no return.” I am neither a pessimist nor an optimist; I am a biblical realist, and we are moving toward the end of the age. America will never again achieve the measure of greatness it once possessed, but perhaps a slowdown of its descent can be realized for a brief season.

Though I am saddened by decades of moral decay within our beloved country, I have not fallen to a level of hopelessness and depression. I understand, as should you, that we are living within two realms. Both are real, yet they are opposed to each other. One realm is under the sphere of Satan who is the god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4). The other realm is in the sphere of God the Father who is sovereign and created Heaven and earth and all therein.
The battle began in the Garden of Eden, and it continues today as we see world events moving us ever closer to the climactic battle of human history. All of this is clear to see for those who look at our world through the lens of God’s prophetic Word. Satan, through the progeny of the Antichrist, and all who follow him, will be eternally defeated. And God, through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, will ultimately reign victorious for time without end. When Jesus comes – and that coming is rapidly approaching – the earth and that which is evil will be purged for all of eternity, never again to be remembered.

Jesus, and only Jesus, is Savior, Lord, King of kings, and if you permit me to use this term for emphasis, “President of presidents.” He will not only rule America, He will rule the entire world in righteousness, justice, and peace from His capital in Jerusalem.

If you look at any cover of Zion’s Fire magazine, you will always see 12 words placed under the magazine title. They simply say: “A PASSION FOR GOD, HIS PEOPLE, AND HIS PLAN FOR PLANET EARTH.” These words are intended to convey much more than just a catchy phrase. They proclaim the very essence of our passion and purpose at Zion’s Hope. It is our intense desire to point as many people as we possibly can to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

We deeply value your friendship and faithfulness to the ongoing work of the Lord through Zion’s Hope here in America, in the land of Israel, and in some of the most dangerous places in the Middle East. Lives are being touched because of your prayers and financial generosity to this ministry. I humbly ask that you continue to stand valiantly alongside us during these dark and uncertain days. What I can tell you with confidence is that Jesus is coming soon in power and glory.

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,

Marv Rosenthal
David Rosenthal

P.S. If I, as a preacher and student of God’s Word, were asked by the new president, whoever they may be, “What is the first thing I should do when I assume my first day in office?” I would clearly and uncompromisingly reply, “On your first day in office, contact all the media you can and invite them to meet you on the front lawn of the White House. At a set time – before the eyes of the world – fall on your face in genuine humility and cry out: ‘Lord, we are a sinful nation. We beseech You to help us.”
Forgive us, redeem us, and renew us. Without You, we are helpless and lost!"

My dear friend, I am not so naïve as to think such a thing will happen, but this is precisely what we desperately need. To that end, first, I will pray for our new president and beloved nation. Second, I will seek to tell all men everywhere that their only hope is to be found in Jesus – the Son of God – our Redeemer – and coming King.

Thank you, once again, for standing with us in this most important of all endeavors. May our Lord bless you and keep you.

P.P.S. May I also encourage you to view our stunning, new, 2016 limited-edition Christmas card. This beautiful, three-panel card, designed by Zion's Hope, presents a powerful message of Christ’s birth and the crowning moments for which He was born. The uniqueness of this biblical card is that it points not only to the purpose for which Jesus came to earth, but it also highlights the victorious return of our King! Please don’t miss this unique opportunity to share this wondrous message with your family and friends this Christmas!