

The Attack on Donald Trump

Commentary for July 17, 2024 — True or Not? Why This Commentary Was Delayed

I received an invitation to be a “guest” of a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I grew up in a suburb of Milwaukee and still have relatives living there. I accepted the offer to attend the convention, to learn about issues and to hear sophisticated political speeches.

I arrived in Milwaukee around 12 noon on July 13. Later that afternoon an assassination attempt was made to kill the Republican candidate Donald Trump. Watching the news updates for much of the remainder of the day, we learned Mr. Trump would survive with a bullet wound that shot off the top of his right ear. If Mr. Trump had not been turning his head, the bullet would have blasted through his skull and entered his brain.

As you likely know by now, besides Trump’s injury, one person was killed sheltering his wife and child when the four bullets were fired before security snipers killed the assassin. Two other men were critically wounded. As I write, it is unknown if they will survive. Secret Service snipers killed the assassin.

Did A Miracle Occur?

There are indicators that a divinely controlled miraculous event did occur, at least for Donald Trump. However, this was not a prophesied miraculous event as far as can be shown. The shooting occurred at 6:11 pm, so some people search the Bible looking at other biblical books to see if any other “6, 11” connections can be read from the biblical text. However, only the Book of Ephesians seems to provide any hint of a “potential” connection.

This is not a valid way to examine prophetic events. Read what Ephesians 6:11 says. As you read, note that verse 11 must be connected and read with verse 12.

In the Concordant Literal Version: the word “panoply” is a collection of various kinds of armor to protect a human body, each piece having its own name:

“Put on the PANOPLY of God, to enable you to stand up to the stratagems of the Adversary [Greek, *diabolous*],

for it is not OURS to wrestle with blood and flesh, but with the sovereignties, with the authorities, with the world-mights of this darkness, with the SPIRITUAL forces of wickedness among the celestials.”

The King James Version also gives a familiar translation:

“Put on the whole ARMOR of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For WE [believers] wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against

SPIRITUAL wickedness in high places."

There is nothing in the larger context of the verses Ephesians 6:10–20 that has any similarity or connection with a physical attack such as Mr. Trump endured, along with 3 other victims.

Spiritual attacks from teachings that originate from Satan and other powerful spiritual beings is what Paul is telling readers in Ephesians 6:10–20. It is not a declaration that anyone will be given spiritual armor to ward off physical attacks.

A Future Commentary

As a result of this Trump assassination event, I want to write a Commentary titled "Assassination in the Bible." I will review instances when assassinations were planned, attempted, or successfully carried out.

An "assassination" is defined as an act of murder done for political or religious reasons. An assassination is different from a "ritual murder" which refers to how such a murder is done, an assassination is not concerned with how the murder is done, but why it was done.

Remember, the first assassination was the desire of King Herod of Israel to murder the child Jesus and all young children under two years

Christ's crucifixion was a conspiracy to assassinate (murder) Jesus due to the political and religious differences Jewish civil and religious authorities at Jerusalem had with Jesus.

Please be patient as more information develops.

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