ROY D. MERRITT FOR U. S. PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN SPEECH # 54 (SERMON ON THE MOUNT II)

• Hello, again, my fellow Americans. I am Roy Merritt and I am running as a candidate for President of the U. S. A. in 2024

• This is Campaign Speech # 54

• There is an old saying that everyone has at least one sermon in him [or understood, her as well]. If that be the case, then here goes mine. My sermon, which is to be delivered in this speech, will be subtitled "Sermon on the Mount II"

• The original "Sermon on the Mount" was the sermon delivered by Jesus to his disciples, containing the essentials of Christian belief (Matthew 5-7, and Luke 6:20-49)

• When the Lord Jesus came down to the city and to the Tower of Babel the people were building, he said:

"If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them." He added: "Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

So, the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world by scattering the people over the face of the earth.

• Babel (in Hebrew, *babel*, meaning "Babylon"), in the Bible, was a city in Shinar in which Noah's descendants tried to build a tower intended to reach to heaven. God punished its builders for this presumption and prevented them from finishing it by causing them all suddenly to speak in different languages so that they could not understand one another (Genesis 6: 1-9). To this day, "Babel," or *babel*, is used to speak of any impossibly high tower or building, and a place where there is such a confusion. And, more generally, referring to a clamor, a clang, a din, discord, hubbub or jargon

• In Genesis 2: 9 of the Holy Bible, it states:

God planted a tree of knowledge of good and evil, and a tree of life in the middle of a garden in the east—in Eden.

• It is clear that God did all he could to isolate himself from evil and evildoers.

Psalms 5:4 says: "For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness. The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil." (Psalms101:4) "The evildoer has no future hope, and the lamp of the wickedness will be snuffed out." (Proverbs 24:20)

• Jeremiah 18:8, God says:

"...if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned."

In Isaiah 1:4, he adds:

"Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose sin is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord..."

• It is clear that God, at the very least, wanted us to shun evil and evildoers. In Exodus 32:22, Moses said to Aaron:

"What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

Aaron answered:

"Don't be angry, my lord. You know how prone these people are to evil."

• 1 Peter 2:16 states:

"Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves..."

• Job 36:21 states:

"Beware of turning to evil, which you seem to prefer to affliction." (Thus parenthetically, we are to accept affliction, but shun evil)

• "Do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate this," declares the Lord. (Zechariah 8:17)

• "Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the plots of evildoers." (Psalms 64:2)

• As to the punishment that should be doled out to evildoers for their evil, God and the Bible had much to offer by way of just reprisal and retribution.

"When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers." (Proverbs 21:15) "I will punish the world for its its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless." (Isaiah 13:11) "Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the Lord." (Psalms 101:8) "There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile..." (Romans 2:9)

"Blows and wounds scrub away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being." (Proverbs 20:30) "Break off the arm of the wicked man: call the evildoer to account for his wickedness that would not otherwise be found out." (Psalms 10:15)

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them." (Malachi 4:1)

"Truly the righteous attain life, but whoever pursues evil finds death." (Proverbs 11:19) "If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person • Evil people are filled with sin (or iniquity) and wickedness, baseness, immorality and depravity; wrongdoing, vice and corruption. Evil ones are devilish and bitter. They are unprincipled and immoral, sinister, malevolent and malignant. They are vicious, malicious, villainous, nefarious and heinous. Evildoers in general are surfeit with deceit and deception, duplicity, dishonesty, fraud and treachery. They are full of guile: tricks, trickery, and trickiness; strategy and stratagems; slyness and cunning; craft, craftiness, and sharp practice; artifice and artfulness; wiliness and chicanery.

• In my initial political campaign book, "Presidential Poems" from the "Bully Pulpit," I included a poem entitled "Sodom, Gomorrah, and...Las Cruces!!!" Sodom and Gomorrah were neighboring Biblical cities that were destroyed together by fire from heaven because of the sinfulness of the people (Genesis18-19) The names of these two cities have now become synonymous with any wicked city or place, like Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico, which I have indicated on many occasions are among the "most evil," or the evilest, places on the face of Planet Earth.

However, in lieu of fire from heaven coming down from the sky to destroy Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, the only other prescription is for our nation itself—presumably America's military, or a newly created para-military organization and group—to take on the mantle and duty of handling it, since it is my contention that they created the situation and dilemma in the first place by permitting the massive invasions of hordes of infidels and vermin from the nether regions—Mexico and the Southern American countries

• The U. S. A. today is being destroyed by evil people from within—people in our midst. Solutions must be found and implemented now before it is too late.

• I am Roy Merritt, and I am running for the office of President of the U. S. A. in 2024. Thank you very much for listening, may God bless and protect the U. S. A.