

Robert A. J. Gagnon @RobertAJGagnon1

A FB friend asked me: Is there a scripture support for choosing the lesser of two evils in the 2024 election?

My response: God anointed Jehu (Heb. Yehu) to be king even knowing that, while extirpating the Ahab dynasty and Jezebel, and ridding Baal worship from the northern kingdom of Israel, he would not be eliminating the high places of Yahwistic worship at Bethel and Dan, which were countercults to the one at Jerusalem. But Jehu was far and away the lesser of two evils, getting rid of the most evil dynasty in the history of the northern kingdom.

If God could make that choice, so can we. In a world where all people are sinners, elections are always all about choosing the lesser of two evils.

But choosing the lesser of two evils is not itself in any way an evil act. It is a responsible exercise of the limited options available to people in a world of sin. It is a righteous act, because it brings about the greater good, even though that good, shy of the coming Kingdom of God, is still mixed with sin.