



# ARISE! MINISTRIES

*Mount Up On Wings - Isaiah 40:31*

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## The Red Wave Fizzles

*"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." - Proverbs 18:13*

The election is "definitely not a Republican wave, that's for darn sure," Senator Lindsey Graham told NBC News.

He is right, the RED WAVE predicted by most political pundits did not happen.

### THE RESULTS

#### U. S. SENATE:

Charles Schumer	3,204,871	56.4%
Joe Pinion	2,445,674	43.1%

It is amazing that Pinion did as well as he did, since he was the stealth candidate – I didn't see a single ad or yard sign for him. It appears that the Republican party did not think it worth their time or money to challenge Schumer.

#### GOVERNOR:

Kathy Hochul	3,033,576	52.7%
Lee Zeldin	2,697,161	47.1%

The *Patriot Post* notes: "The Empire State gubernatorial race appeared to be reaching toss-up territory in the final week leading up to the election, but Democrat incumbent Governor Kathy Hochul was able to defeat a serious challenge from Republican Representative Lee Zeldin. The thought that Zeldin even had a chance against Hochul in blue New York was remote. However, while Zeldin didn't win, Republicans did in several Congressional races.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Laticia James	3,047,561	54.2%
Michael Henry	2,567,423	45.7%

#### NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE:

**Senate:** Senate Democrats held 43 of 63 seats in that chamber before the election and needed to retain at least 42 to keep a supermajority. It's likely that Republicans have picked up at least one seat, but whether they've gotten the two necessary to end the supermajority

remains unclear. Not all the ballots have been counted in several close races.

**Assembly:** In the Assembly, Democrats held 107 of 150 seats heading into Election Day, and Republicans needed to pick up eight seats to thwart the Democrats' supermajority. It does not look likely that they did so.

These results mean that the Democrats are firmly in control of all branches of our state government [except for the sovereignty of God], so, our status is quo.

**CONGRESS:** Although Lee Zeldin lost his race for governor, he did help elect several Republicans to Congress, including the three from Long Island.

As of Saturday, we still don't know which party will be the majority in either the Senate or House of Representatives.

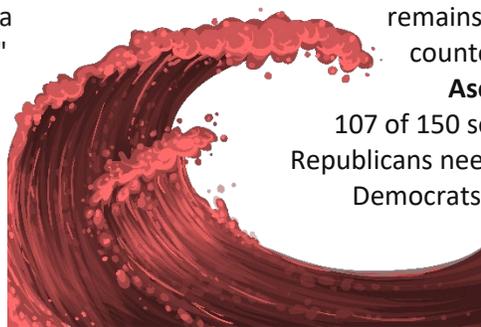
For the **Senate**, it will most likely come down to a run-off election in Georgia between **Democrat Raphael Warnock** and **Republican Herschel Walker**.

For the **House**, it looks like Republicans will gain the 218 seats needed to become the majority, but it is by no means certain.

#### BALLOT MEASURES:

**New York** state voters passed a ballot measure that would fund up to \$4.2 billion for environmental improvement projects – including increasing flood resiliency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, electrifying school buses and creating more green and open spaces.

**Abortion Rights:** Sadly, voters in California, Vermont and Michigan, approved ballot measures enshrining abortion rights into their state constitutions. In the traditionally red states of Montana and Kentucky, voters appeared to reject measures that would have restricted access to reproductive care. On the other hand, Governors who signed pro-life bills last year were all re-elected.



## THE REASONS

So, why didn't the Red Wave happen? There are several reasons. I would like to point out three:

- (1) The nation is clearly divided. Many of the election results were close to 50/50.
- (2) Only 55% of registered New Yorkers voted. Kathy Hochul won by approximately 5% - a margin that might have been overcome if more people, particularly Christians, had voted.
- (3) Democrats successfully used "protecting democracy" against "election deniers" strategy against Republicans linking them to Donald Trump.

## OUR RESPONSE

**"... to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will..." Daniel 4:17**

This was God's Word to Nebuchanezzar and it is still true – "God rules!"

The election results did not surprise our God, and our responsibility remains the same – to be "salt" (delaying decay) and "light" (dispelling the darkness) until Jesus Christ returns.

## Eagle's Eye on the Nation

**"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts." -- Proverbs 21:2**

**CHANGE?** When asked about the election results, President Biden replied, "It was a good day for democracy. Our democracy has been tested in recent years, but with their votes, the American people have spoken and proven once again that democracy is who we are. While the press and the pundits were predicting a giant red wave, it didn't happen." And asked what policies he would alter as a result, he brazenly declared, "Nothing," adding, "The more [the people] know about what we're doing, the more support there is."

**COLLEGE LOAN FORGIVENESS:** U.S. District Judge Mark Pittman [ruled](#) that the President's student loan forgiveness program is illegal, following a lawsuit by the Job Creators Network Foundation.

"The Constitution vests all legislative powers in Congress," Pittman began, [quoting](#) Article I of the Constitution and Thomas Jefferson on the first page of his 26-page decision. The judge explained that the Constitution's separation of powers, giving different powers to Congress, the president, and the courts, is foundational to the constitutional freedoms of American citizens.

On the very next page, the judge quoted Pelosi – who even after Tuesday's disappointing GOP performance said "People think that the president of the United States has the power for debt forgiveness... He does not," said Pelosi in July, dutifully quoted by the federal judge. The Speaker continued, "He can postpone, he can delay, but he does not have that power. That has to be [accomplished through] an act of Congress."

## Liberal Logic???



Transgender male competitor Briana Nguyen, 19, [was crowned Miss Greater Derry](#) – beating 12 biological female contestants half "her" size. Aside from the title and the crown, Nguyen also won a scholarship. The Miss Greater Derry Organization, "part of

the Miss New Hampshire and Miss America family" as per its website, has been providing "scholarship opportunities to young women in the greater Derry area since 1987."

From the photographs shared on social media, the assessment of physical fitness in the swimsuit competition was still a part of the competition, but the term "physical fitness" seems to have been redefined along with the word "woman."

## Ministry Report

**"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." -- Psalm 91:11**

I gave my guardian angel a workout last week. On Saturday night, a deer suddenly appeared directly in front of my car on Route 29. I was going 55 mph and don't know how I missed hitting it.

Then on Thursday, I slipped in the shower when the mat on the bottom of the tub slid under my feet. I fell out of the tub and hit hard, but did not sustain any injury other than a sore body.

Thank you, Lord! And thank you for your prayer support.

## Tom Stiles Speaking Schedule

November 20

9:00 AM Countryside Baptist Church, Perrysburg, NY

11:00 AM Brightway Baptist Church, Cattaraugus, NY

6:00 PM Faith Bible Baptist Church, Eden, NY (PM)

November 27 Farmington Baptist Church, Farmington, NY

December 4 Seneca Falls Baptist Church, Seneca Falls, NY