

# McCain-Palin – the New *Revolution* in American Politics!

**Like lightning, Sarah Palin shook up the Republican Convention and turned standard political drama on its head! Chosen as Presidential candidate John McCain's running mate, she has galvanized, electrified, the American electorate and put a sudden huge crimp in the plans of Barak Obama to become the new "anointed one", America's "Messianic" figure. What happened? Where is it leading? What does Bible prophecy have to say about it?**

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A real neck-and-neck horserace has developed in the run for President in the United States. After double-digit leads in the polls for months, Barak Hussein Obama suddenly finds himself at a loss – dumfounded – stupefied – by the sudden turn in events, and the appearance of his *beit noire* – a candidate his equal in charisma and even superior in charm and experience in government – Sarah Palin, governor of Alaska, a self-styled "hockey mom." She says the difference between a "hockey mom" like herself and a bull dog is – "lipstick."

Sarah Palin has proven to be a tenacious "bull dog" as the governor of Alaska, taking on the huge corporate giants of the oil industry, and "politics as usual," and bringing in sweeping reforms across the board.

## *Now a REAL Race*

After selecting Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate, Sen. John McCain has soared in the polls – taking a 10-point lead over Sen. Barack Obama in the Gallup daily tracking poll among likely voters.

The new development in the presidential race has shaken many in the major media who are strongly backing Obama, a Democrat. His allies have now launched an all-out offensive against the first GOP female vice presidential candidate.

Worrisome for the Obama camp is the momentous effect Palin has had on women. Before her selection, Obama led McCain among white women, 55 percent to 37 percent. The most recent poll data out last week shows 53 percent to 41 percent in favor

of McCain. ABC News called it “one of the single biggest post-convention changes in voter preference.”

Said Steve Schmidt, a McCain advisor to Time magazine, “She’s not part of the Washington, D.C., cocktail circuit.” No, she is an ‘outsider’ and a tremendous “change agent,” proven so by her fruits in office as governor of Alaska!

Said Schmidt, “Elite opinion looks down with contempt at people who are not part of their world.” And the Washington pundits and elite of the “establishment” look down their long, crooked noses at her, an “upstart” from the “sticks.”

But suddenly, Palin has become a juggernaut on the political scene. She has revived and resuscitated the fast expiring Republican Party and its chances for the White House. The Obama campaign wants her stopped, and the prejudiced, left-leaning American media – which has given Obama almost a free pass in vetting him, despite his connections with American home-grown terrorists, and a radical Chicago pastor, Jeremiah Wright, who has cursed America in his inflammatory sermons, without nary an objection from Obama – is giving Palin a vigorous scrutiny and intense examination.

### *Caustic Political Smears*

Caustic political attacks have been backed up by vicious personal smears.

Comedian Bill Maher cracked a tasteless “joke” involving Palin’s Down syndrome child – and referred to her as a “stewardess.” In the monologue of a recent HBO show, Maher noted that Palin has five children, including an infant “that has Down syndrome. She had it when she was 43 years old. And it looks a lot like John Edwards.”

Also notable was US Weekly magazine, whose cover story featured Palin and the headline “Babies, Lies & Scandal.” Asked by Fox News Megyn Kelly to identify any “lies” Palin had uttered, US Weekly Senior Editor Bradley Jacobs could not offer any.

Just months ago, the same weekly had published Barack and Michelle Obama on the cover with the headline “Why Barack Loves Her.”

Meanwhile, the media has been elevating minor controversies in Palin’s home state of Alaska to national “scandals.” For example, the firing of a state trooper who allegedly Tasered his own 10-year-old son has been elevated to an international human-rights case.

The latest line of attack on Palin is focused on her strong Christian beliefs. She has been labeled a wacko fundamentalist who doesn’t believe in evolution. As a matter of fact, however, she is not alone. Several polls show most Americans don’t believe in it, either. A 2006 CBS poll found that just 13 percent of Americans believe in “scientific evolution” (which isn’t “scientific” at all but a colossal fraud) and most Americans believe life was created and guided by a Supreme Being – God.

*A British Observer's Take*

Fergus Shanahan, of *The Sun*, a British tabloid newspaper, begged the question:

“WHY, why, why can't WE have a Sarah Palin? That was the question churning in my mind as I witnessed this astonishing American presidential race. A week ago few in Britain had heard of Palin.

*“Today, the moose-huntin' mom is the most talked-about woman in the world.*

“And with good reason.

“Her sensational performance at the Republican convention may turn out to be the moment the White House slipped from Barack Obama's grasp.”

Shanahan continued:

**“Democrats and their Lefty media backers had been sneering that Palin is a small-town nobody, a hick from Alaska put into a job way beyond an inexperienced woman.**

*“Believe me, you will not be hearing that again.*

“Full of self-assurance and aggression, super Sarah popped Barack's balloon big-time.

“From the moment she walked on stage in this cavernous bear pit, smart in cream jacket, trim black skirt and black heels, she proved that McCain knew exactly what he was doing when he picked her as running mate.

“The first thought was that here was America's youthful Maggie Thatcher, minus the swinging handbag. Hair piled into a slight beehive — more Sarah White House than Amy Winehouse — she blinked and smiled behind her geeky specs as the vast crowd went ballistic.

“She is popular with voters for the very reason America's snooty political establishment despises her: She isn't one of the Washington gang.

“She's a mum of five from icy Alaska with a sledge-load of problems behind her own front door that workaday Americans can relate to.

“A child with special needs. A daughter of 17 pregnant. A constant juggle between family and career. Compared to the career politicians dominating both parties here she seemed fresh, natural — one of us and not one of them.”

“She spoke to America as one working mum to another. She cracked good jokes.

“Showing steel beneath her magnolia jacket, she slaughtered Obama's lack of experience, his vanity, his emptiness beneath the windy waffle.

“It was the most powerful demolition of the Democrat hero I have heard in two weeks on the US election trail.

“The wagons have been drawn up and the Republicans are ready for battle.

“The McCain-Palin ticket now looks in exciting shape. A war hero and a heroic mum. Experience and optimism.” (*The Sun*, Sept.8, 2008).

### *A Brush Pilot Speaks Up*

Butch King, an Alaska brush pilot and travel guide, and his wife know Sarah Palin well. He and his wife are extremely proud of her.

Says King, “Sarah ‘Barracuda’ Palin is a straight shooting, hard charging, get it done gal. She knows when to listen, how to analyze the facts and how to make a decision, then implement the plan. She doesn’t do a poll before jumping in with both feet like too many of the Washington types. She has little legislative experience because she has always held the EXECUTIVE position; in private life, as mayor of Anchorage’s largest bedroom community, or more recently as Governor of our State.

“She is a smart, attractive home grown Alaska girl with excellent moral and family values. She can see what needs to be done and does not hesitate to get it done.”

King continues, “When Sarah moved to Juneau, so did accountability and responsibility. When the oil revenue started to flow and a barrel of North Slope Crude hit \$23.00, these people began spending money like drunken sailors. You can only imagine what was happening when oil hit \$100.00 a barrel, about the time Sarah took command. My wife Kathy has first-hand experience with this fiasco, as her father and also her ex-husband were Alaska Legislators who served in Juneau as Senators, Senate President, or members of the State House for a combined period spanning nearly three decades.

“About the time Sarah took the HELM as Governor of Alaska, about half of the State legislature was in the pocket of big oil companies or contractors doing big projects for Native Corporations around Alaska, all funded by State oil revenue. Alaska government was nothing but a good old boys club riding the perpetual wave of prosperity. This filtered down from the legislature, through the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Labor and even spilled in to the Public Safety who are supposed to ‘preserve and protect.’”

King goes on, “When Sarah walked into the Governor’s Mansion, she promptly dismissed the State Trooper detachment assigned to Governor and had her and her husband’s gun case brought in from Wasilla. Then, she got rid of the former Governor’s STATE Jet and told legislators that there were no more free rides; they would have to fly Alaska Airlines, just like her and her family, if they wanted to travel.

“Next came the nut cutting (the Barracuda part); the heads that rolled were too numerous to name, but when Sarah finished cleaning house, a number of our legislators ended up in jail on corruption charges, or tendered their resignations along with numerous department heads and those who have been riding the gravy train for way too long, AND THEN SHE HAD LUNCH. By the end of the day, Sarah Palin had saved the

people of Alaska millions and has not yet slowed down. She has truly brought CHANGE to Juneau.”

Sarah Palin is not a movie actor, but she certainly could have been a very successful one. A true Christian and conservative, like Ronald Reagan, she pulls no punches and tells it like it is – whether people want to listen to her or not. Said the Alaska brush pilot, “I guarantee that if Sarah gets a chance to dig her spurs into the flanks of the liberal Washington types, they will know that she is in the saddle.”

Interestingly, Palin’s acceptance speech, which was viewed by more than 40 million people – 37.2 million watched Barack Obama’s attempt at Greek apotheosis – despite the fact that four networks did not run her speech. Given the speech by a speech writer, she attacked it and literally made it her own, with last minute changes.

As if a light switch had been turned on, John McCain’s decision to add Sarah Palin to the ticket has transformed the race and energized conservatives.

After the announcement that Palin would be the Republican vice presidential nominee, \$7 million poured into the McCain campaign that same day.

### *Palin Versus Obama*

The liberal media have begun a furious attack on her, including questioning whether a mother of five can handle the job of vice president. But while she lacks years of experience, in contrast to Obama, Palin has a string of real accomplishments to show for herself.

As a mayor, she cut property taxes 40 percent and reduced her own salary. Just before being appointed to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in 2003, she led an ethics probe of the commission’s chairman, Randy Ruedrich, who was also the state GOP chairman. Facing conflict-of-interest allegations, Ruedrich admitted ethics violations and resigned.

As governor, she ultimately opposed a federal earmark for the \$400 million so-called “bridge to nowhere.” She used her veto power to cut nearly \$2 billion from the state budget. She was successful in enacting ethics reform legislation. While giving incentives to oil companies to find more resources, she also increased taxes on oil production, saying the companies had improperly influenced legislators to keep taxes low. The higher tax rate will enable her to deliver a rebate of \$1,200 to each state resident.

Obama, on the other hand, has virtually no accomplishments beyond getting himself elected. While he often talks about his work as a community organizer, he never achieved his one goal — eliminating asbestos from a housing project in Chicago.

In both the Illinois Senate and the U.S. Senate, Obama developed a reputation for voting “present,” thus avoiding controversial decisions that could be used against him later. In the U.S. Senate, he has missed more than one in five votes. Only one of the measures Obama has sponsored as a U.S. senator has been enacted: a bill to “promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of Congo.”

### *What Does It All Mean?*

The Republican ticket now has a certified American war hero, the son of an admiral, John S. McCain, who was held prisoner in Hanoi during the Vietnam War after parachuting out of his crippled jet fighter, for five years. He learned his patriotism and love of country the “hard way.”

And McCain has chosen a young fiery woman to be his running mate who is also known as a maverick, not afraid to kick over “sacred cows” and big corporate bosses to bring about change and to serve the common people. What an unbeatable combination – what a “dynamic duo”!

The election is not over by a long shot, but the Obama camp is suffering from vertigo. Suddenly the air has gone out of their sails. Obama, with nothing accomplished of note in his record as a Congressman, has been shown up to be an “empty suit” – a man with a gift for oratory and little else. But worst of all, are his acrimonious and scandalous associations with Communist sympathizers, anti-American radicals, and America bashers and haters, whom he will not denigrate or attack.

With Obama at the helm, America would be taxed to death, business would dry up, and our national defense and missile defenses would be nullified and further research halted, as he sought to ‘talk’ his way to peace (or “appeasement”) with foreign enemies.

### *Four Years to Get in Gear*

So what is the significance of the new resurgence of the Republican Party, and the ticket of McCain and Palin?

Simply this: Very hard times are staring us in the face, as a nation and as a world, with economic decline, depression, and potential collapse staring us in the face.

With Obama at the helm, a neophyte, a do-nothing, inexperienced “amateur” in charge as “Commander in Chief,” our decline would be seriously hastened and our national world standing quickly eroded, as enemies began to pounce.

With McCain and Palin at the helm, it would appear that God in heaven has given us a little more time – perhaps four more years – to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God, to get God’s message out to this war-weary sin-sick world – to thunder and rattle the gates of heaven – before the ‘end’ comes.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matt.24:14).

If McCain-Palin win the election, then the indication is that we have a little more time to organize and proclaim the good news of Christ’s coming, and to urge peoples to get ready and to REPENT of their sins, before final judgment strikes with overwhelming force!

It may well be that God is “restraining” the advent of the “lawless one” for another four years, the “mystery of lawlessness,” until the retraining force be taken out of the way.

As the apostle Paul wrote, 1900 years ago, prophetically speaking about our END time age and generation:

“And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery [hidden truth] of lawlessness is already at work; only He who *now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way*. And then the lawless one will be revealed, who the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, *because they did not receive the love of the truth*, that they might be saved” (II Thess.2:6-10).

“And for this reason God will send them *strong delusion*, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (v.11-12).

Barak Obama vaulted into the limelight like some “superhero” bursting on the scene, and apparently sees himself as such. There is a strong spiritual force behind him, causing people to swoon in his presence, to feel a chill, a ‘tingle” up and down their leg, as one pundit described it.

He does not believe Jesus Christ is the “only” way to salvation. Therefore he is most certainly NOT a true Christian or believer in Christ, no matter how much of an act he puts on, or how much he pretends. He is a spiritual sham, a fraud – a deception and a delusion.

Isaiah prophesied, “When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).

Interestingly, Sarah Palin’s name is Hebrew and Greek. Sarah, in Hebrew, means “noble woman” (Strong’s #8283). Palin, in Greek, means “renewal” (Strong’s #3825). Will this strong, noble woman help bring our nation “renewal” for the next four years? If elected, their term of office would be from January 2009 to November 2012. . . . 2012 . . . . 2012 . . . . Verry interresting!!! Indeed!