

Nation in a Crisis

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In today's politically charged environment we see everyone taking sides and looking to politics to save our republic. We all have our candidate that we want to be in office for president, congress, senate, governor, dog catcher, etc.

We need our candidate to win, and we believe if they win, they will bring order back to our country and put us back on the right track. Then we can all be happy!!

Our nation is very divided. There is a call for unity, but we won't see unity because no one person or candidate will change the divisiveness in this country.

The people calling for unity cannot save the nation because the only unity in this world is – **“one in Christ.”**

Galatians 3:28: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

No one seems to understand what a client nation is in our country today. We also have many people who think we're a Christian nation.

In every society, its laws are the written chronicle of the people's moral beliefs based on the teachings of its dominant religion at the time of the nation's founding.

Moral beliefs held by the population, but not a part of national law, contribute to the order and stability of a society and help define its culture.

However, scripture does not directly mandate that any nation beyond Israel adopt any of these principles into its common and criminal law. It is only highly suggested!

Nations subscribing to establishment laws create the environment for national prosperity, stability, and freedom to study God's word and to fulfill His plan for our lives.

But what we're ending up with is a nation of Christian losers, involved in Christian activism and programs, as opposed to studying God's word.

There is little or no understanding of the role of the believer in the client nation to God. This lack of understanding is often predicated on the erroneous theory that we have a so-called "Christian nation."

There never has been a Christian nation and there never will be. This is a misunderstanding of the priest nation or client nation to God.

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we must maintain a relationship with the opposition while maintaining our relationship with the Lord – **"we're in the world but not of the world."** John 15:18-20; Romans 12:2

John 15:19: "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world,"

Romans 12:2: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Every day we are in active contact with human viewpoint and the problems of this world. Do we hate the people behind it? No, we are never authorized to hate anyone. Impersonal love is always the order of the day.

In a client nation to God, there exists all the concepts of freedom, including privacy, the sacredness of property and life, free enterprise, and little government.

We are to grow spiritually and remain in service to the Lord in this world in which we live, a world that hates us, but we must never turn away from our mission.

In our next couple of lessons, I hope I will change your mind about what's going on in our nation and cause you to refocus your attention on the **"things above and not the things of this earth."** Colossians 3:2

I believe we are still a client nation to God, although we seem to be losing that status so it's easy to be concerned.

PRINCIPLE: **No nation learns from the mistakes of other nations when involved in cosmic arrogance.**

When a nation is involved in cosmic arrogance, its people are blind to the fact they are making exactly the same mistakes that destroyed other great nations before them.

The German philosopher Hegel famously said, “The only thing that we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history.”

When arrogant individuals or nations are unteachable and become blind to their own failures, it results in their self-destruction long before they are invaded and overrun.

In today’s world, the church is not growing and since AD 70 we have seen Christianity grow during periods of persecution and stagnate during times of prosperity.

In other words, it is the prosperity of any client nation which brings ruin and destruction to that nation. No nation goes down under adversity. It goes down under prosperity.

Prosperity creates the climate for destruction. People lose track of traditional values. Prosperity also leads to economic, social, and military decline. The cosmic system becomes the detractor and the basis for failure to pass the prosperity test.

Humanism and programs have replaced the accurate teaching of the Word of God in Churches today.

But the only thing that changes anything in this world is the Bible Doctrine in your soul.

The “kosmos” is a highly organized civilization of secular governments, education, culture, and man-centered theories of life, nature, human behavior, and a world of relative humanism. Everything that is opposed to Christianity.

In Thieme’s Bible Doctrine Dictionary “Cosmic System” is defined as:

Satan’s orderly, cohesive, and multifaceted system of power and thinking, which includes a purpose, strategy, and structure of authority designed to subvert the human race and control the world he now rules.

The cosmic system, Satan's alternative to the perfect plan of God, is designed to exploit man's bad decisions and trap him in a web of deception.

When the Bible declares that someone loves the world (2 Tim. 4:10; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15) or lives according to the standards of the world (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 2:2), that individual resides in the cosmic system. He is under the control of the sin nature and in a position of weakness, enslaved to Satan's authority and fulfilling Satan's purpose. Residents include anyone—believer or unbeliever—who uses his volitional freedom to reject divine truth (the laws of divine establishment, the Gospel of salvation, or Bible doctrine). Toward those who have personally believed in Jesus Christ, the devil administers the cosmic system to prevent, impede, and reverse their spiritual growth.¹

You counter this by what is in your soul. It needs to be your defense system. You need to take in Bible Doctrine daily!

A client nation is a national entity under the patronage of God, assigned the responsibility for the formation, preservation, communication, and fulfillment of the Canon of Scripture.

Thieme's Bible Doctrine Dictionary:

Client Nation to God: A national entity set apart by God as a repository for divine truth—a nation where the Gospel is freely communicated, doctrine widely taught, and missionary activity extended to areas of positive volition throughout the world. Synonym: priest nation, in reference to Israel.

Throughout most periods of history, God ordains a client nation for the purpose of furthering His plan for mankind. The formation of such a nation begins with people who respond to God's grace in salvation.

Under a government that honors divine establishment and protects the freedom of all citizens, the nucleus of believers matures spiritually and becomes sufficient to fulfill the mandates of custodianship and communication of God's Word, inside and outside national borders. The nation also acts as a haven for the Jews.

¹ Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary, Page 42, "Cosmic System",

God deals with the client nation according to the spiritual condition of individual believers (Matt. 5:13–16). Blessing by association overflows from mature believers to the nation in the form of stability and prosperity; divine discipline to reversionistic believers finds the entire nation weakened, and unless believers heed God’s warning and recover, the client nation is eventually destroyed through the fifth cycle of discipline (2 Chron. 7:14; Hosea 4:1–6). As goes the spiritual life of the believer, so goes the client nation.

Jewish client nations. In the Old Testament Age of Israel, the client nation to God was made up of His chosen people, the Jews (2 Sam. 7:10–12; Ps. 33:12). Specific responsibilities delegated to Israel as a nation were delineated under the Mosaic Law, doctrine was revealed to and communicated by specially appointed prophets and priests, and the “remnant” of faithful believers was used by God to sustain the nation (Ex. 19:5–6; Lev. 18:1–5; 2 Kings 19:30–31; Rom. 11:2–5).

The theocratic kingdom (1441–1020 B.C.), the first in a series of five Jewish client nations, was founded under Moses’ leadership in the Exodus and was indeed a theocracy, ruled personally by God.

The four kingdoms that followed were monarchies, ruled by human kings. Currently under divine discipline that began in A.D. 70, Israel as a client nation will be restored at the Second Advent and continue throughout the millennial reign of Christ. Gentile client nations. With Israel temporarily set aside, these are the times of Gentile client nations (Luke 21:24). In every generation until the Rapture, there exists among the earth’s nations at least one center of positive volition that stands as God’s protected agent.

Gentile client nations, unlike the theocracy of Israel, are ruled through human government that, under lawful design, functions separately from the church. God’s purpose is fulfilled as the state promotes human freedom and Christianity impacts the nation through a spiritual pivot of invisible heroes. By choosing to utilize the unique spiritual assets of the Church Age, individual believers contribute anonymously to their country and to the uprends of history.

The spiritual vigor of the nation is manifested by evangelists, pastor-teachers, and missionaries who accurately communicate the Gospel and written Word to those who are positive.

The nation is blessed and sustained also for providing the currently dispersed Jews a refuge from persecution in other parts of the world (Gen. 12:3).

Imperial Rome, A.D. 70–476, was the first Gentile client nation; other examples include fifth-and-sixth-century Scotland and Ireland, sixteenth-century Switzerland, seventeenth-century Sweden, nineteenth-century England, and the United States of America since its founding in 1776.²

Exodus 19:4-6: “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself.

Vs. 5: Now therefore, if hearing, you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

Vs. 6: then you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation to Me. These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 7:6: “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

Deuteronomy 26:18-19: “And the Lord has today declared you to be His people, a people for His own (a treasured) possession, as He promised you; therefore, you are to keep all His commandments;

Vs. 19: and that He will set you high above all nations which He made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall be a holy people to the Lord your God, as He has spoken.”

Israel was called a “priest nation” because it had a specialized priesthood. Because of the uniqueness of the Church Age, the term “priest nation” and “client nation” are synonymous.

So, the term “client nation” is used for any Gentile nation that performs the same functions during the Church Age.

² Thieme Bible Doctrine Dictionary, Page 40, “Client Nation to God”.

Instead of calling a Gentile nation a “priest nation,” the believers in the Church Age are a holy priesthood and a royal family of God. 1 Peter 2:4-5

1 Peter 2:4-5: “And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but elect and precious in the sight of God,

Vs. 5: you also, as living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house (compare Hebrews 3:6) as a result of a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through the agency of Jesus Christ.”

God does not want sacrifices and offerings from us; He wants the sacrifice of the spiritual life: growing to spiritual maturity and becoming someone God can use in the Angelic Conflict. Fulfilling God’s plan for your life.

1 Peter 2:9: “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

We get the idea of an elect race from the Greek phrase in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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We have the “*καίνη*” – “*kaine*” “*κτίσις*” – “*ktisis*,” which means “a new spiritual species.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 - “Therefore, if anyone is in union with Christ, he is a new spiritual species; old things have lost their power, behold, new things have come to pass.”

In the privacy of your priesthood, you have the option to succeed or the option to fail as far as the spiritual life is concerned.

Believers in the Church Age are royal family of God, and this is the key to Gentile client nations in the Church Age.

We can never forget that a client nation to God is a nation under divine protection, because it has a large pivot of mature believers. These mature believers have blessing by association to those around them and historical blessing to their nation.

A client nation is destroyed by the reversionistic believers who “spin-off” from the pivot of mature believers by their rejection of Bible Doctrine.

Three things destroy a nation:

1. Economic depression – It can result from government destruction of industry through legislation, or from destruction by the greed of labor or management.
2. Social degeneration – Individual bad decisions destroy the structure of society. The sacredness of freedom, property, and life are ignored or rejected. Integrity disappears from society and is replaced by every form of crime or immorality.
3. Military defeat – No nation can win a war when the manpower suffers from social degeneration and the industrial complex cannot provide logistical support.

No nation can survive functioning on principle without a pivot of mature believers.

Survival takes evangelism, positive volition toward Bible Doctrine, the function of the protocol plan of God, and cognizance of the portfolio of invisible assets provided for each believer.

As the pivot shrinks, the nation loses its client nation status with God and undergoes the five cycles of discipline.

Only a remnant of positive believers had impact through the spiritual life of Israel in the Old Testament.

A client nation is responsible for the following:

1. It must evangelize its own population.
2. It must communicate Bible Doctrine to the believers in the nation.
3. It is responsible for the custodianship of Bible Doctrine.
4. It provides a haven for the Jews.
5. It is responsible to send out missionaries to evangelize other nations.