

THE ORIGIN OF NATIONS (#6)

During the months of May and June we will be studying a special series entitled the “Antiquity of Nations”.

Lesson #1	Origin of Nations	Gen.10:32
Lesson #2	Table of Nations	Acts 17:26
Lesson #3	Babel Internationalism	Gen.11:1-9
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Lesson #6	Client Nations (#2)	1 Pet.2:13-16

This is the second of a two part series on the subject of Client Nation and The Church.

The English word client is derived from the Latin word, clientela. It was derived from the Roman Empire. “By the late Roman Republic, influential Roman senators might have entire foreign cities or states as clientes, and occasionally the Roman Senate would refer decisions involving them to the patroni. Some scholars argue that Rome regarded itself as the patronus of the ‘client’ states subject to it, but this remains controversial.” (Wadpedia and Badin)

This Roman word and concept will be used for this study to describe certain Gentile nations chosen by God throughout biblical history.

This lesson will study four aspects of the relationship of the Church with a Client Nation in the plan of God

1. America has served client nation status to the Christian church since the Second Great Spiritual Awakening of the Protestant Reformation.

The Christian church always thrives in a client nation with great missionary outreach beginning with the Roman Empire (Eastern to Western Civilization History). “It was only with the Christianization of the Roman Empire in the 4th century that the Mediterranean world lost interest in Eastern culture.”

The role of the biblical church is vital to the welfare and status of client nation in the plan of God (1 Tim.2:1-6).

2. As the divine agency in a client nation, the Christian church has the following nine responsibilities.

- Guardian of gospel and evangelism (Acts 1:8; Gal.1:6-10; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).
- Custodian teacher of milk doctrines (1 Pet.2:2; Heb.5:13; John 10:28).
- Custodian teacher of meat doctrines for maturity in Christ (Heb.5:14; Rom.8:29; 12:2; Eph.4:8-16).
- Prepare ambassadors for Christ to the world (2 Cor.5:18-21; Ps.96:3-5).
- Train missionaries to disciple nations and plan churches (Mat.28:18-20; 2 Pet.3:9; John 3:16).
- Prepare the church to be the salt of nation and light to world (Matt.5:13-16; Phil.2:14-15).
- Prepare the church as a spiritual force and not a political force (1 Tim.2:1-7; 1 Pet.2:13-25; Rom.13:1-7).

- Prepare Christian for dual citizenship (heaven and earth) (Phil.3:20; Gal.3:26; Acts 5:29-32).
- Train and equip the church for spiritual warfare (AC) (Eph.6:10-17).

Christians are to obey the government unless it involves disobedience to the dispensational truth of God's word (Acts 4:12-20; 5:29-32; Phil.1:7, 14-24; 2 Tim.1:8-9; 2:9; Mark 12:15-17; Rom.13:1-7).

3. A Client nation has a three-fold role in the plan of God (Job 12:23-25; Prov.8:15-18).

The course of every nation should be to reach client nation status in the plan of God.

- **First role is to protect the laws of divine establishment** of the five divine institutions (Col.3:25-28; 1 Pet.2:16).
- **Second role is to protect the divine agency**, the church, by religious freedom and against anti-God and Christ hostility.
- **Third role is to protect the remnant of Israel** against anti-Semitism and hostility (Gen.12:3).

4. Satan is the great deceiver of all nations.

- **Rev.20:1-3** _____
- **John 12:31** _____
- **John 14:30** _____
- **John 16:11** _____
- **1 John 5:19** _____