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The GENTILE CLIENT NATION (Part 1)

Request: "I understand that the USA is a client nation. What are the responsibilities of a client nation to the Plan of God?"

Bob Thieme is the first pastor-teacher I heard that categorized nations as clients in the Plan of God.

The English word client is derived from Latin and not from Hebrew or Greek. By definition, a client is someone who is under the protection of another or someone who is in the service of another.

For the purpose of this study, I have separated nations into two general categories: priest-nation of Israel and Gentile Client Nations.

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of Gentile Client Nations and their general responsibilities in the plan of God.

1. The origin of nations is discussed in Gen.10-11.

As all mankind have their origin in Adam, so also all nations have their origin in Noah and his three sons.

(Acts 17:26-27) "And He made from **one man every nation of mankind** to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that **they would seek God**, if perhaps **they might grope for Him and find Him**, though **He is not far from each one of us**." [Noah and three sons: Shem, Ham, Japheth]

Therefore all nations are Post-Diluvian [after Noahic flood] Gen.6-9).

The table of nations recorded in Gen.10 stands as the absolute record of ancient history. A biblical nation must qualify by the following three things: **lineage, language and land** (Gen.10:5, 20, and 32).

A biblical nation is part of the sovereign Plan of God (Ps.75:7; Deut.32:8; Job 12:23; Jer.50:18-20).

2. Nation (Nationalism) was the fifth and final divine institution established by God for the human race.

1.	Freedom	(Gen.1:26-27)	[AOS]	(Gen.2:17; Rom.5:12-21)
2.	Employment	(Gen.2:8-9, 15)	[AOS]	(Gen.3:17-19)
3.	Marriage	(Gen.2:18-25)	[AOS]	(Gen.3:16)
4.	Family	(Gen.1:28	[AOS]	(Gen.3:16; 4:1)
5.	Nation	(Gen. 10-11)	[AOS]	(Gen.3:15; Rev.20:3, 8-10)

All five Divine Institutions are under the sovereign authority of God. Each has a divinely delegated chain of command. For example, the chain of command for a nation is God, Lord, Government and Citizen. (Rom.13:1-7; 1 Pet.2:13-17; 1 Tim.2:1-5; Acts 4:19-26).

3. The Gentile Client Nation carried the messianic lineage until Abraham

(Luke 3:23-38)	Adam, Seth, Noah and Shem
(Matt.1:1-17).	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, [priest-nation], David, Jeconiah and [deportation], and Jesus
	Christ]

The government of the priest-nation of Israel went from a theocracy to a messianic monarchy. (1 Tim.6:15; Rev.17:14; 19:16/ King of kings).

The United States of America is a Gentile Client Nation with a Constitutional Republic government. A Constitutional Republic is where the rulers and people are equal subjects to the Constitutional law and neither is above it. We believe that it protects our inalienable rights endowed upon us by our Creator God (Acts 17:26-27).

4. The origin of the priest-nation of Israel is what divided the Gentile client nation into a separate category (Gen.12:1-3; 17:16; 21:13) [Abraham].

The Gentile client nations carried the messianic seed message until Abraham. Abraham was called out of the Gentile client nation of Chaldea. He was of the Shemite Gentile race (Gen.11:31).

(Ex.19:6) "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." [Moses]

(Ex.19:5-6) "A holy nation separated from all other nations and devoted only to God." (NIV)

The priest-nation of Israel carried it until the historical advent of Jesus Christ and the Church (Gal.3:16-29). The historical advent of Christ would be the light of grace of salvation to the Gentiles (Isa.42:6; Luke 2:32; Acts 13:47; 1 John 4:14).

5. With Israel under the 5th cycle of divine discipline until the second advent of Jesus Christ, the Gentile client nation plays an important role in the Plan of God

Because of the Curse of Coniah (Jer.22:30) there are no Davidic heirs until Christ's Second Advent. (Matt.1:12).

The role of the Gentile client nation during the Church Age is basically three fold:

- Protect the displaced Jews
- Promote the local church, the local pivot of Believers
- Preserve the laws of establishment of all five divine institutions.

The Christian church in a Gentile Client Nation is allowed to be the custodian of evangelism and the teacher of the word of God.

Some of the Gentile Client Nations connected to our history have been:

- Rome
- Franks
- German states like Saxony and Prussia
- The Dutch Netherlands
- Great Britain.

It is important that the Gentile Client Nation not become anti-Semitic, anti-Christ or anti-establishment.

Violation of these responsibilities could cause the Gentile Client Nation to lose its status. A prime example was the lost of Gentile Client status Rome of the first century AD.