

Friday, October 20, 2023—Nationalism vs. Globalism: The Great Struggle Of Our Time

Introduction

- I Timothy 2:2—our time is characterized by a fundamental uneasiness and uncertainty.
 - Covid
 - George Floyd
 - Election
 - January 6
 - War In Ukraine—civilization states
 - War In Israel
- What is going on? What is true? Who do we believe? How can we make any sense out of this as believers? Does the word of God offer us any insight into what is happening in our nation? I believe that it does.
 - I Chronicles 12:32
- Societies worldwide seem to be re-traditionalizing. Returning to custom, culture, and tradition and rejecting one size fits all Western Globalism. Meanwhile, Globalists are not simply relinquishing their power. Thus our current politics.
- I believe the core scriptural issue that is playing out in front of us is the struggle between globalism and nationalism.
- This evening I want to approach this topic from the vantage point of scripture.
 - Nationalism: God’s Answer to Globalism
 - Globalism: The Goal of the Course of this World
 - The Night is Far Spent

Nationalism: God’s Answer to Globalism

- Genesis 6:1, 5-7—before the flood all that existed was humanity in general. Because of the wickedness of man God decides to destroy the earth through a flood and start over with Noah and his family.

- Genesis 6:8-9
- Genesis 9:1—after the flood God instructed Noah and his sons to “replenish” or fill the earth.
- Genesis 9:2-3—to facilitate this filling of the earth, God put a fear of man into the animal kingdom.
- Genesis 9:4-6—God instituted human government into the equation, something that did not exist prior to the flood. Mankind was given the right to punish evil doers within their midst.
- Genesis 9:7—reiterates that statement made in verse 1.
- Genesis 11:1—the whole earth was of one language and one speech.
- Genesis 11:4—their actions in building “a city and a tower” were done in rebellion to God’s post-flood commands to “replenish the earth.” They did not want to “be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”
 - The adversary’s response to God’s post-flood commands was to encourage globalism as an act of rebellion to God.
- Genesis 11:5-9—God’s response to the globalism of Babel was two-fold: 1) “confound their language” and 2) scatter “them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”
- In the scattering of men “abroad upon the face of all the earth” God instituted nationalism as his response to the globalism of Babel.
 - Genesis 10:1, 5—notice that God divided the Gentiles in the earth according to their: lands, tongues, families, and nations.
 - Genesis 10:20
 - Genesis 10:31
 - Genesis 10:32—this dividing of humanity according to lands, tongues, families, and nations took place after Babel where God “confounded their language.”
 - Acts 17:26—the dividing of men in the earth into nations with set boundaries was God’s idea. Nationalism was God’s answer to the globalism of Babel.
- Genesis 12:1-3—therefore God formed the “nation” of Israel. God was choosing to work in the earth through the mechanism of nationalism.

- Deuteronomy 4:6-8
- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Daniel 7:14
- Psalms 2
- Revelation 19:15—in the ages to come, Jesus Christ is going to rule the “nations” with “a rod of iron.”

Globalism: The Goal of the Course of this World

- Isaiah 14:12—ever since God instituted nationalism Satan has been bent on weakening the nations i.e., undoing what God established in the early chapters of Genesis.
- How do you weaken a nation? You attack it according to the terms of its founding i.e., lands (national boundaries), tongues, and families.
 - Lands—weaken national borders and boundaries.
 - Tongues—degrade and devalue a language so that words can be used to saying anything one wants.
 - Families—attack and redefine what a family is and the foundational structures that support it.
 - Marriage—one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24).
 - Human Sexuality—“male and female created he them” (Gen. 1:27).
- Ephesians 2:2—the “course of this world” is charted by “the prince the power of the air.”
- II Thessalonians 2:7-10—the “course of this world” and “the mystery of iniquity” will culminate in the globalist one world system of the anti-Christ.
 - Revelation 13:7-17
- II Thessalonians 2:1-2—we need to take comfort from the fact that the body of Christ will not endure the full onset of “the mystery of iniquity” because we are “not appointed to wrath” (I Thess. 5:1-9) because we will be caught away to “meet the Lord in the air” (I Thess. 4:13-18) before the onset of Daniel’s 70th week.

The Night is Far Spent

- Romans 13:12—the night was already far spent in Paul’s day. How much more so now that the dispensation of grace has lasted nearly 2,000 years?
- Ephesians 6:12—I believe that what we are witnessing in our day is a spiritual/scriptural contest between two competing ideologies: nationalism and globalism.
- II Corinthians 5:17-20—regardless of how it all shakes out our job is the same, to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and preach the word of reconciliation.