

Conditions in Today's World Answers from Genesis

(Material in this article begins with Biblical history and carries the reader into modern times, providing *a necessary historical base to properly understand events occurring during modern times.*)

The Sons of Noah

PART I

GOD'S SEPARATION AND PLACEMENT OF THE NATIONS

“And the sons of Noah, that went forth out of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread” (Gen. 9:18, 19).

Adam was the first man, and through Adam's sin as the federal head of the human race, *death* (the result of *sin*) passed upon all of Adam's descendants, upon all mankind (Rom. 5:12).

During Noah's day, 1,656 years later, God, by means of the Flood (for revealed reasons), destroyed the entire human race descending from Adam, save eight individuals — Noah, his wife, Noah's three sons, and their wives (Gen. 6:1ff). And a new beginning with a new federal headship for the human race is then seen in Noah's three sons (Gen. 9:18, 19).

Through the progeny of these three sons, the earth would be re-populated. And as *everyone* is a descendant of Adam, *everyone* is likewise a descendant of one of Noah's three sons. One is either a descendant of Shem, or Ham, or Japheth.

And certain things stated about each of these three sons within Noah's three prophecies (Gen. 9:25-27) would mark each son, along with their descendants, *from the time that these prophecies were uttered to the end of Man's Day* (ref. Part II in this article).

Within the prophecies concerning Noah's three sons, God dealt with one son, *one man*, relative to the problem previously

created by *one man's disobedience*, more than sixteen centuries earlier — the problem of *sin*, resulting in *death*. And God dealt with this matter where federal headship in the human race was once again involved.

God singled out *Shem as the only son with a God*. And through the greater Son of Shem — through the lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — over 2,300 years later, God, for *the final time*, would again deal with the sin problem through *one Man*. The problem this time though would be dealt with and settled — through *the second Man, the last Adam, based on His finished work at Calvary*.

But dropping back to Noah's day and the three prophecies concerning his sons, one can move forward from that point through the genealogies in chapter ten and see that which God brought to pass, over time, as Noah's three sons and their progeny began to re-populate the earth. This chapter has to do with a placement of the nations descending from Noah's three sons, God's purpose for placing the nations in their particular location on earth, and how God brought the whole of the matter to pass.

The Tower of Babel

Events seen in the first part of Genesis chapter eleven form additional commentary on events previously seen in chapter ten. One of the ways God separated mankind in chapter ten was by different languages, and chapter eleven provides the origin of and reason for these different languages.

In chapter eleven, man, following the Flood, migrated *eastward* (ref. ASV, NASB, NIV) from the area where the ark had come to rest, settling in "a plain in the land of Shinar." And those settling in this plain spoke only *one language* (v. 1).

In this plain, Nimrod built four cities, forming a "kingdom." And those in the plain, in one of these cities — Babel — sought to form *a centralized national existence through building a tower and making a name for themselves*, lest they be "scattered abroad upon the face of the earth" (10:10; 11:2-4, 9).

But the Lord came down to view the matter. And because of that which could result, the Lord "confounded their language"

(gave them different languages) so that they couldn't understand one another. Then the Lord "scattered them abroad...upon the face of all the earth" (vv. 5-8).

God's Separation of the Nations

In chapter ten God provides genealogies of Noah's three sons, with each genealogy going through a number of generations. And the names of the descendants of each son, through these generations, are given — names which today, from history, can be associated with people dwelling in a particular part of the earth.

At the time God dealt with man at Babel, in the land of Shinar, He separated individuals in a nationalistic sense through several means.

First, each group of individuals was given *a particular language*, unknown to any of the other groups. They were then driven out and given *a particular land* on the earth, a land of their own which was separate from the land of any of the others (vv. 5, 20, 32).

Second, at some point after each group was separated from all the other groups and in their own land, *God divided the earth itself, separating one land mass from another land mass.* (v. 25).

There are two different words in the Hebrew text translated "divide" in chapter ten. One word is used in verses five and thirty-two (having to do with a separation of mankind by languages, along with their being placed in different lands); and the other word is used in verse twenty-five, having to do with a separation or division of the earth itself.

How did God separate or divide the earth into segments? The evident answer is seen in Job 38:25, where the same word translated "divide" in Gen. 10:25 is used relative to *a separation by water.*

Once God had separated all the different nations and placed them in their own lands, He then "divided" *the earth.* He could only have separated land masses, forming separate land masses, separate continents, etc. And this separation can evidently be seen one place today by viewing a map of the east coast of South America and the west coast of Africa. The shape of each gives the appearance that at one time in the distant past they were one

continent, then separated. And they give that appearance because this is evidently what occurred, not only here but worldwide.

How did natives on islands out in the Pacific Ocean get there? How did the American Indian get to the North American continent, the Aborigine to Australia, etc.? The answer is simple. And the answer is not in the book, *Kon Tiki*, or in a frozen Bering Strait. Rather, the answer is in the Bible. These individuals' ancestors were already on these land masses when the earth was divided by oceans and seas during the days of Peleg, over one hundred years after the Flood.

The general separation of the sons of Noah, as determined by the names in the three lineages in Genesis chapter ten, was across three parts of the earth. The descendants of Japheth were spread across the northern parts of the earth, the descendants of Shem across the central parts, and the descendants of Ham across the southern parts. This separation, of course, is general. There are numerous exceptions.

God's Purpose for Separating the Nations

Other than that stated in Gen. 11:6, what does Scripture have to say about *God's purpose* for a separation of the nations, as seen in chapter ten?

God's purpose, along with another way in which He divided the nations, is given elsewhere in Scripture.

Note Deut. 32:8:

"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel."

Then note Acts 17:26, 27:

"And hath made of one blood [one man, Adam] all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us."

One of the reasons God called Israel into existence was to be *His witness to the Gentile nations throughout the earth*, “that all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else” (I Kings 8:59, 60; Isa. 43:9, 10).

God separated the nations and set their bounds within separate lands “according to the number of the children of Israel”; and God did this in order that those in these nations “should seek the Lord...and find him” (Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:27).

In short, *God separated the nations and placed them within certain boundaries; and God did this according to “the number” of individuals forming the one nation which He would later call into existence and commission to reach all of the Gentile nations with the message of the one true and living God* (note that Israel’s existence at this time lay hundreds of years in the future).

And any attempt by well-meaning man to change or alter God’s plans relative to Israel and the nations — *i.e.*, do away with national boundaries, unify the languages, bring the nations together as one nation again, etc. — is nothing less than an attempt *to bring back into existence, after some form or fashion, that which God destroyed in Genesis chapter eleven*. And within such a process, man, as well, would be *subverting God’s established evangelistic program for the nations* (cf. Jonah 1:1-3; 2:9; 3:1-3; John 4:22).

Further, man subverting God’s established plan relative to Israel and the nations in this manner would only *help set the stage for the one-world system* which is rapidly coming into fruition today and will shortly come into full fruition under the last king of Babylon, Satan’s Messiah, the Antichrist.

Under the Antichrist, a form of that seen through man’s past feeble efforts at the unification of all mankind at the tower of Babel in Genesis chapter eleven *will exist once again*. And in that day, God, in the person of His Son, is going to come down to see this end-time tower of Babel; and God is not going to think any more of it in that future day than He thought of it in days following the Flood during Noah’s day. *God destroyed it then, and He will destroy it yet future*.

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PART II

NOAH'S PROPHECIES OF HIS SONS

“And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.

And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw [*lit.*, ‘gazed with satisfaction upon’] the nakedness of his father, and told [*lit.*, ‘told with delight’] his two brethren without...

“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant” (Gen. 9:20-22, 24-27).

Noah's three prophecies concerning His sons (Shem, Ham, and Japheth) in Genesis chapter nine are prophecies having to do with *the nations of the earth*. These prophecies, as evident by their contextual setting and content — dealing with *a new beginning in the human race, necessitating all-inclusiveness* — have to do with *federal headship and the prophetic destinies of races comprising nations, with the prophecies in this respect not limited to the three individuals in the prophecies but to their descendants as well* (Gen. 9:18, 19; 10:1-32).

These are *not* prophecies which lend themselves after any fashion to *racism, to racist-type teachings*, as some attempt to deal with them. And because these prophecies have been used in a perverted manner to teach and foster racism, people often either shy away from them or make them to be something completely alien to that seen in the text.

The prophecy that is often singled out and made to be *a racist issue* rather than *a national issue* is the first of the three prophecies — having to do with Noah's curse of Ham's son (Canaan), who, since Noah cursed this son alone, was apparently *the only son* that Ham had at this time, a time shortly after the Flood (v. 22). And Noah cursing Ham's only son (cursing Ham's seed) provided *the necessary headship and all-inclusiveness to the matter*.

(Sons shown in a list in Genesis chapters five through eleven are listed in the reverse order of their birth [*e.g.*, see Gen. 5:32; 11:26, where this can be shown from other Scriptures (*cf.* Gen. 5:32; 7:11; 10:21; 11:10, 26, 32; 12:4)]; Canaan is listed *last* among the four sons of Ham in Gen. 10:6, showing that he was *Ham's firstborn*, probably born on the ark during the Flood [*cf.* Gen. 9:18, 22].)

Beginning at the proper place with the introductory prophecy — which is the prophecy forming the problem area for many — the remaining two prophecies can be easily and naturally dealt with, for the first prophecy is referred to in each of the succeeding two prophecies, with all three forming *an inseparable unit*.

In the first prophecy, How long was the curse to last? Does the curse involve only one of Ham's sons? Is the curse still in effect today? Questions of this nature are what people attempt to deal with (or, in many cases, attempt to avoid), often committing mayhem in Biblical interpretation in the process.

There is a solution though: Simply *allow Scripture to address the issue* rather than follow the usually inserted humanistic reasoning.

Does Scripture really address the issue in this type completeness? Certainly it does! Do you think that God, through Noah, would pronounce a curse upon an individual where the federal headship and prophetic destinies of the nations are in view and not let man know the extent of and how long this curse would last, or not let man know the extent of and how long other things in the prophecies concerning Shem and Japheth would last?

Answers to questions pertaining to the matter are very simple to ascertain.

The curse is seen in verse twenty-five.

“Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren” (v. 25).

The curse is then referenced in verse twenty-six in connection with something said about Shem, and it is referenced again in verse twenty-seven in connection with two things said about Japheth.

Now, some questions:

How long will that stated about Shem in the first part of verse twenty-six (which is immediately followed by a reference to the curse from v. 25) remain in effect?

“Blessed be the Lord of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant” (v. 26).

As well, how long will that stated about Japheth in the first part of verse twenty-seven (which is immediately followed by a reference to the curse from v. 25) remain in effect?

“God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant” (v. 27).

The answers to both questions would be the same. If a person brings matters from the time that these prophecies were given down into modern times, he will see that both prophecies have remained in effect since Noah’s day, with God continuing to work matters out relative to these prophecies today.

The descendants of Shem (in the line later revealed to go through Abraham’s lineage through Isaac and Jacob) continue today as *the only nation with a God* (e.g., Ex. 3:6; Ps. 72:18; 96:5; Eph. 2:11, 12). Japheth is still being *enlarged*, with his descendants presently covering a large part of the globe. And the descendants of Japheth (and Ham as well) have had to *dwell in the tents of Shem* — i.e., go to the descendants of the only son with a God — throughout this time if they were to receive spiritual blessings.

All of these things are *established, undeniable facts*.

Now, what about the length of the servitude of Ham’s descendants within Noah’s prophecies concerning all three sons?

The Spirit of God, through Moses, was very careful to place a statement concerning the servitude of Ham's progeny alongside both of Noah's prophecies concerning his other two sons, Shem and Japheth, forming *an inseparable connection* between the things stated about all three of these sons.

The prophecies concerning both Shem and Japheth extend into modern times through their lineages. By what rule of Scriptural interpretation could something different be said about the prophecy pertaining to the lineage of Noah's other son, Ham? *Seeing something different in this respect would be impossible.*

That stated about all three sons *must exist together and extend throughout the same time during Man's Day*. A symmetrical connection between all three prophecies *must be recognized*.

If one part of the three prophecies is still being worked out, then *all things* within the three prophecies must be included, with *all things* still being worked out. Because of the manner in which the prophecies were given and are structured, *there is no way to get around this and say or think anything different*.

If *all of Ham's seed* is not seen in the preceding continuing respect, then Scripture has three connected prophecies dealing with the federal headship and destinies of nations in the human race throughout Man's Day in which any continuing reference to a part of the human race is absent. *That, as well, would be impossible.*

Then, to understand the all-inclusive nature of the curse pronounced upon Ham's lineage, note that all three prophecies begin in an all-inclusive manner — *with Shem, Ham, Japheth, and their progenies*. And though the prophecy in Shem's case was later revealed to narrow to only part of his seed (Abraham, through Isaac and Jacob), that is not seen within the lineages of Ham and Japheth.

These are prophecies pertaining to *the whole of mankind from the time that they were uttered throughout the remainder of Man's Day*.

(Note also why Noah cursed Canaan instead of Ham, though Ham's act had brought about the curse. Ham was among those whom God had previously blessed [Gen. 9:1]. Thus, Noah couldn't curse Ham. He did the only thing that he could have done — curse Ham's son [Ham's seed], where the curse would end up anyway.)

People are afraid to deal with this prophecy in the preceding respect though because they are afraid of being linked with racism. However, racism is not even remotely connected with issues emanating from any of these prophecies. This is something which man has brought over into the matter.

If an individual sees these prophecies for exactly what they are — *prophecies concerning federal headship and the prophetic destinies of the nations* — problems won't exist. But if an individual begins misusing this section of Scripture, along with attempting to understand matters from the standpoint of humanistic reasoning, that individual will invariably fail to even begin to understand the prophecies, often causing major problems, along with leading others astray.

The thought that God would pronounce a curse through Noah on a segment of the human race which would last for millenniums is objectionable to the modern mind, mainly because of issues emanating out of man bringing *racism* into the matter, along with the associated *political correctness* of the day.

But are God's previous curses in Genesis chapter three — resulting from Satan's actions and Adam's sin — objectionable? After all, they have been around much longer and are far more extensive. The entire human race, along with the earth and Satan, are involved in these curses; and these curses still exist today and are still presently being worked out.

As God is presently working out matters pertaining to the curses which He established in Genesis chapter three, He, as well, is presently working out matters pertaining to the curse which He established in Genesis chapter nine. And God needs no help from man in either instance.

Simply leave the whole of the matter in His hands, and He will work out the whole of that which He has established in His way, in His time (cf. Zech. 14:21; Acts 3:20, 21).

WHEN A SERVANT REIGNS...

EXISTING CONDITIONS, A BIBLICAL RESPONSE

“For three things the earth is disquieted [‘the earth quakes’], and for four which it cannot bear [‘cannot be lifted up’]:

For a servant when he reigneth; and for a fool when he is filled with meat;

For an odious [‘unloved’] woman when she is married; and for an handmaid that is heir to her mistress” (Prov. 30:21-23).

The three verses quoted from Proverbs chapter thirty begin with an evident figure of speech, where one thing is used in place of another. And in this case, “the earth” is used in place of *the people on the earth*. That is to say, it’s not the earth which quakes but *the people on the earth*.

Figures of speech are something seen quite often in Scripture and simply form one of the numerous ways God has structured His Word (cf. Heb. 1:1, 2).

For example, both “Jerusalem” and “the land of Israel” are often used in place of *the people of Israel* (cf. Isa. 1:21; Jer. 22:8, 9, 29, 30; Lam. 1:7-9; Ezek. 14:11-13; Matt. 23:37-39; Luke 13:33-35).

And recognizing this type structure of Scripture, particularly because of its prevalence, will often help immensely in proper interpretation (e.g., properly identifying *the harlot* in Rev. 17-19a, referred to as “that great city”).

Three Things, then a Fourth

The text lists four things which cause the people of the earth to quake, to tremble, to become disquieted; and while in this state, the people cannot rise above and out of the state in which any one of these four things has brought them.

To perhaps best explain, in a succinct manner, what is involved in all four of these states in which man can find himself, note the following material quoted from an article in *Selected Writings of A. Edwin Wilson*. This material was written about fifty years ago and published in this book some thirty-five years ago, long before conditions became anywhere close to the way that they exist in the world today, particularly in this country:

“I call your attention to the fact that this is the Word of the Lord and did not originate with man, but is completely overlooked and even denied in most Christian circles today.

1) The first thing which disquiets and disturbs the order as established by God since sin entered into the world is for a servant to become a ruler, or for a servile nation to reach a place of authority and responsibility over non-servile nations [v. 22a]. The reason is because persons of low birth are harder on the populace when opportunity presents itself than those born in high stations of life.

One has said, ‘A servant ruling becomes the most insolent, imperious, cruel, and tyrannical of all masters.’ Even though elevated to the position of ruler, or equal to those born in high stations, the former servant or servile people cannot rise above servile habits.

The world is being disquieted today as never before because of this very reason. The whole world trembles when one of the above mentioned comes into a place of freedom in action. The whole and complete arrangement of society, as established by God, is shattered. Such a one seeks to indemnify himself in his present highness for his former lowliness.

2) Equally disquieting is a fool who has all he can desire [v. 22b]. Rolling in plenty, he despises the poor and needy and considers that his possessions entitle him to respect, though he has no virtues at all. Such a one becomes arrogant, troublesome and dangerous. Very few who suddenly come into riches prove to be a blessing to mankind.

3) Next is the odious woman [v. 23a]. Such a one described here is one who, because of provoking hatred and repugnance, is not fit company for society. At length, this very unattractive and repulsive, witch-like individual enters into a state of matrimony but, being unamiable and vindictive, completely destroys peace and happiness for friends, becoming a most disquieting influence in the world.

4) Then there is a handmaid who supplants her mistress [v. 23b]. This is one who comes into the home as a servant but stealthily wins the husband's affections, alienating his wife and children, and becomes mistress of the home herself, thereby causing utter ruin.

These four disquieting influences described by the Lord God Himself cannot happen or come to pass except for the complete denial of the existence of God and an absolute disregard for His Word.

In conclusion, I want to say that, according to the Word of God, possibly the most disquieting influence in the world today is the aspiration of the servile people to leave the position in which God placed them and usurp that belonging to others."

The preceding provides a brief, overall view of the four things mentioned in Prov. 30:21-23. The remainder of this article will deal only with the first of these four — with "a servant when he reigneth."

Conditions in This Country Today

In November, 2008, God gave the people of the United States exactly what they asked for — not just a common servant but "a servant of servants" (the lowest position in servitude [Gen. 9:25]) *elevated into a position of regality.*

God — who rules in the kingdom of men, placing rulers, removing rulers (Dan. 5:17-31) — placed a servant of servants in the highest governmental office of the most powerful nation on earth. God placed a descendant of Ham in the office of the President of the United States.

(For information on Noah's three sons and the prophecy regarding each son — *wherein federal headship, having to do with the entire human race and lasting throughout Man's Day, is set forth and unchangeably established* — refer back to the first two parts of this article.)

In November, 2012, God once again gave the people of this country exactly what they continued to ask for — the servant of servants remaining in this high regal office for another four years.

In short, going on eight years now, the citizens of this country have gotten exactly what they asked for in 2008 and again in 2012. They have asked for and gotten a President who, according to Noah's prophecy concerning Ham and that stated in Prov. 30:21, 22a, can bring about only two things:

- 1) *All types of unrest.*
- 2) *A bringing down of the country at the same time.*

Note Prov. 30:21 once again:

“For three things the earth is disquieted [‘the earth quakes’], and for four which it cannot bear [‘cannot be lifted up’]:”

The people have asked for and been given a President who can only take the country in the preceding two-fold direction. His rule can only produce a disquieted condition among the people, and he, though in the highest office in the land, can take the nation no higher than his servile position, *which God unchangeably set through Noah over 4,300 years ago.*

Then, if the preceding is not enough, something else needs to be considered. This man, as all the rulers among the Gentile nations, rules under a fallen angel presently ruling from the heavens under Satan, in his kingdom.

(For information on this facet of the matter, found in Daniel chapter ten, refer to the Appendix on pages 23, 24 of this article.)

Then, to further complicate the preceding, *Ham, in Genesis chapter nine, had a sexual problem.*

In verse 22, Ham did *more than just gaze on his father's nakedness, resulting in the curse*. The Hebrew text shows that *he not only gazed with satisfaction but then took delight in telling his brothers about the incident*.

And sexual problems appear to go hand-in-hand with the curse upon Ham's progeny in today's world, *as should be expected from the Genesis account*.

Result of Existing Conditions

And where does all of this leave the people of this country today, over seven years later?

The mores of the country, over that period of time, have practically reversed themselves. There has been *a sexual revolution* of such a nature that people can now identify with other than their natural-born sexual identity, marriage has been redefined, and homosexuality is the in-thing (*e.g.*, a national monument to homosexuals [LGBT all-inclusive] has been established in Greenwich Village, NY).

Practically everything seems to have a sexual base (note again Ham's problem in Gen. 9), and it is all sanctioned and/or decreed by the government.

And, if anyone doesn't go along with all of this, he is branded a bigot and a racist. As well, I'll probably be branded a bigot and a racist for calling attention to that which Scripture has to say about the existing situation. But, if so, be that as it may.

Rather than the country progressively being brought upward, the country has progressively been brought downward. And this is *the only direction* in which the country could possibly be taken under the current administration.

That's made plain from the latter part of Proverbs 30:21. God clearly stated that *this is the way matters would have to go under existing conditions*. Thus, *the country could not possibly be taken in any other direction*.

And, along with this downward spiral of matters there is *the part and parcel unrest in the country* — *e.g.*, the senseless daily killings in different parts of the country, some just random, etc.

It is about time that *the root cause, from a Biblical perspective, for what's happening on practically every hand all over this country is recognized*. God gave the people what they wanted almost eight years ago, and the people of this country are now reaping the results, in a huge way. *They sowed to the wind, and they are now reaping the whirlwind (cf. Hosea 8:7).*

Then, note one other thing about the only place where all of this can lead. We are living very near the end of the present dispensation, the days of Noah and the days of Lot are to be repeated during the Tribulation just out ahead of us (Luke 17:26-30), and we are evidently seeing the stage being rapidly set for the repetition of events during those days — *which were centrally sexual in nature and even involved angels in Satan's kingdom cohabiting after this fashion with men and women in the human race (Gen. 6:1-4; 19:4ff).*

Thus, *according to the Word*, that's exactly where we are and where we're headed; and that's also exactly why we are where we are and why we are headed in this direction.

MADNESS! MADNESS!

THE WORLD SCENE TODAY, FROM A BIBLICAL STANDPOINT

The title for this part of the article has been taken from the closing words uttered by an Englishman in the 1957 film, “Bridge on the River Kwai” — a WWII film about American and English POWs being forced by their Japanese captors to build a railway bridge over the River Kwai in Burma.

These words — “Madness! Madness!” — were uttered at the very end of the film, in the last scene, as the Englishman looked, in total disbelief and wonder, at the destruction which he was witnessing — the bridge, shortly following completion, being blown up by allied forces (the same forces which had built the bridge) just as the first train was about to cross the bridge.

The scene was horrific, with the bridge collapsing into the river and the train, unable to stop, running off of a collapsing end of the bridge and falling headlong into the river some distance below.

And if one wants a picture of where present deteriorating conditions in the world are headed — particularly conditions in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East — one would, in reality, be hard-pressed to find a better descriptive depiction than the one ending this film, *using a worldly scene to depict a worldly scene*.

As well, one would be hard-pressed to find better words than those uttered by the Englishman as he surveyed the scene from his vantage point, *completing the existing picture*.

The Builders, the Destroyers

In the movie, the same forces which built the bridge destroyed the bridge.

Today, the same ones who built the world in which we live are not only trying to destroy this world but are trying to destroy themselves in the process.

And, if time would permit, Scripture plainly states that the human race would succeed in destroying itself (Matt. 24:21, 22). That is, apart from the Lord's intervention, total destruction would be the ultimate end of the direction in which man has taken things in the world.

How/Why has man allowed himself to end up on a path which will ultimately take him to the place previously described? The response to that question, of course, can only be *singular*.

Man, relative to the matter at hand, has been looking for answers to problems in all of the wrong places, leaving him with all of the wrong answers.

That is to say, carrying matters from where man is presently looking to where man should be looking:

1) Man, in all his finite wisdom and knowledge, can search for and come up with answers, *as he is presently doing, none of which can be other than flawed.*

2) Or, the created can look to the Creator, in His infinite wisdom and knowledge, to provide the answers, *which are clearly revealed in His Word, which will always prove to be completely correct.*

And, in many instances, it's not just unsaved man looking in all the wrong places and coming up with wrong answers but it's often the vast majority of Christians, including most of today's Bible teachers as well.

The world, of course, could not be expected to go to the Scriptures and come up with correct answers concerning things about the present state of affairs.

But Christians are another matter entirely. They are capable of spiritual discernment and would be expected to go to the Scriptures and come up with correct answers, particularly the Bible teachers.

However, what would be expected and what is actually done by Christians are too often not the same.

So, let's look at the matter.

And we want to approach the matter *solely from a Scriptural standpoint*, the only approach which is completely correct, the only approach where completely correct answers can be found.

Moses, the Psalms, and the Prophets

Thus, if one wants to come up with completely correct answers, there is only one place to go. The person *MUST* begin at Moses and move on to the Psalms and the Prophets (one of Scripture's ways to express the whole of the O.T., beginning at the proper place [Luke 24:27, 44; cf. Isa. 8:20; Mal. 4:4-6]). No other way exists, which is where man has too often made his mistake.

(One could, conceivably, see a problem distinguishing between material in the five books which Moses wrote [Genesis through Deuteronomy] and the seventeen books comprising the major and minor Prophets [Isaiah through Malachi], for *any of the five books which Moses wrote are just as prophetic in nature as any of the seventeen prophetic books.*

Generally, God has recorded the matter after one fashion in Moses [largely through types] and after another fashion in the Prophets [largely non-typical, though numerous types do exist in the Prophets (e.g., large parts of Daniel and Jonah)].

And these types are just as important, valid, and completely accurate as anything seen in any other part of the O.T. *They simply form one of the numerous ways in which God has structured His Word [Heb. 1:1, 2], often containing information not found elsewhere in the Word.*

Thus, a person disdaining or ignoring the types, as many do, is disdaining or ignoring *a major part of the Word*. Treating the types after this fashion could only be comparable to treating *any other part of the Word after this same fashion*.

As well, relative to the preceding, the figure often given relating how much of the O.T. is prophetic is usually about one-fourth. But, if one begins looking at and including the types, that figure would have to be more than reversed — *i.e.*, not near twenty-five percent but far above seventy-five percent.)

But ways other than typical in the manner God has structured His Word can be found in Moses as well. And *the base* for things being shown in the next section of this part of the article fall into this category more so than the typical.

Attention has been called to the typical, with time spent in this realm, because when one moves on from the things alluded to in the previous paragraph he will quite often find himself in

typical teachings drawn from the Word.

But, a major problem exists:

Correct teachings on *the base* are largely absent in Christendom today; and any thought of going on to or dealing with the types, which is almost never done anyway, would be of limited value.

Three Racial Divisions in the Word

We're living in a world which is rapidly coming apart at the seams. The world is on a fast track, a non-stop speeding train which is gaining momentum with each passing day, hour, minute, and second, going where no one could possibly want to go, with no one able to stop it.

No one alive today has ever seen anything even closely related to what is presently happening, particularly in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. And everything is accelerating in an already out-of-control situation, with, again, no one able to do anything about it.

So, what is this all about? Why is the world in this uncontrollable situation?

There are answers if one goes to *the correct source*, though few seem to want to believe these answers, including most of those who go to the correct source for the answers.

For the subject at hand, the place to begin could only be the three prophecies of Noah regarding his three sons in Gen. 9:25-27 (though things preceding that in Gen. 1-9a must be recognized and taken into account as well).

And, if one would *correctly understand the base* for all of what is happening in the world today, he has no alternative but to begin with Noah's three prophecies in Genesis, understand what's happening at this point in Scripture, and take the matter from there, going on to other parts of the Word.

As seen in the first two parts of this article, everyone in the world today is not only a descendant of Adam but also a descendant of one of Noah's three sons as well. And Noah's prophecies, — having to do with far more than just his three sons, along with being prophecies remaining in effect throughout the remainder

of Man's Day — have to do with *federal headship and the destiny of the nations descending from these three sons* (Noah's three sons as federal heads of *the three divisions of mankind* [as Adam occupies this same position over *all mankind*, extending through and including Noah's three sons and their descendants]).

In these three prophecies, one son (Ham), through his seed, *has been cursed*; another son (Shem), the only son with a God, *has been blessed*, which would extend through his seed; and the remaining son (Japheth), *would populate an earth whose descendants would be affected by that stated about the other two sons*.

In the World Today

We're living in a world populated mainly by the descendants of Japheth, though the descendants of Shem through Abraham and mainly Ishmael populate a large part of north Africa and the Middle East. And the descendants of Ham, seen more in central Africa, though scattered throughout other parts of the world, particularly the United States, are quite numerous as well.

But the descendants of Shem through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are small in number — only between about thirteen to fourteen million in the world today — some eighteen million preceding the WWII Holocaust, which destroyed six million.

Though major problems exist between the descendants of two sons of Abraham today (both descendants of Shem), *the reason why this problem exists and the base for all of the turmoil among nations in the Middle East, which is spilling over into Europe and the world at large*, drop back behind Abraham's two sons, *all the way to Shem in Genesis chapter nine*.

And one has to begin at this point in Scripture, understand Noah's prophecies, and understand what is really happening by Israel's forbidden presence back in the land at this juncture in history to have any understanding at all of *what's happening in the Middle East, spilling over into the world at large*.

Then, to understand *the base for all of the turmoil presently occurring in the United States, again spilling over into the world at large as well* (largely because of the position which this country occupies

in world affairs), *one has to begin at the same point in Genesis chapter nine and proceed from there.*

In the Middle East, matters have to do with *the descendants of Shem occupying a land in an unrepentant state before the time* (Matt. 12:43-45; 23:37-39).

In the United States, matters have to do with *a descendant of Ham holding the highest office in the land, presenting major repercussions* (Prov. 30:21-23).

Then, in Europe, somewhat caught in the middle, *major repercussions from the whole panorama exist — trouble emanating from the Middle East to the east and southeast and trouble emanating from the United States to the west.*

God's plans and purposes for nations and that which He has decreed in His Word simply CANNOT be circumnavigated.

But man has tried, and all an individual has to do to see the results is look at world affairs today.

(Material in this article has centered mainly on the reason matters have gone awry so rapidly in the United States, with little attention paid to the Middle East and Europe. However, all three of these different parts of the world are inseparably tied together in the whole of the matter, *with the beginning point, the epicenter, actually being the Middle East, not Europe or the United States.*

And, more specifically, the whole of the matter begins with *Israel* in the Middle East, *which is where the epicenter for all of the the turmoil lies, for a revealed reason.*

The author has dealt extensively with this aspect of the matter in other writings. For material in this realm, refer to the author's books:

"Israel — What Does the Future Hold?"

"Israel — from Death to Life."

"Middle East Peace — How? When?"

"Mystery of the Woman."

"Distant Hoofbeats."

Or, one can read somewhat of a crux of that found in the preceding books by reading the author's articles, *"The turbulent Middle East"* [Parts I, II] and *"O Sleeper, Arise, Call..."*)

APPENDIX

THE RULE OF SATAN AND HIS ANGELS

From what realm do Satan and his angels presently rule?

It is clear from both Old and New Testament Scriptures that they rule *from a heavenly realm over the earth*. Satan and his angels have access *to the earth and rule through the Gentile nations on the earth* (Gen. 6:2-4; Job 1:7; 2:2; Dan. 10:12-21; I Peter 5:8; Jude 6), but they themselves do not rule *on the earth*.

Daniel chapter ten presents certain insights into how the present kingdom of Satan is structured, along with the location of those administering power and authority in this kingdom.

In Daniel chapter ten, a heavenly messenger who had been dispatched to Daniel on the earth from that part of the heavens where God resides and rules (“the uttermost parts of the north [a superlative in the Hebrew text]” — the northernmost point in the universe in relation to the earth [Isa. 14:13, ASV]) was detained at a point enroute. This messenger was detained in the heavens above the earth by “the prince of the kingdom of Persia.”

Then Michael was dispatched from heaven, and the messenger remained there with “the kings of Persia” while Michael fought with the prince of Persia for his release (v. 13).

The picture presented is that of *powerful angels in the kingdom of Satan ruling the earth from a heavenly realm (a heavenly realm in relation to the earth) through counterparts in the human race on earth*.

There was a prince (ruler) of Persia in the heavens, and there was a prince (ruler) of Persia on the earth. Then, in the heavens, there were lesser rulers associated with Persia (the kings of Persia); and the same would have been true in the earthly kingdom (*cf.* Dan. 2:39; 5:28-31; 7:5; 8:3-6, 20).

Then beyond that “the prince of Greece” is mentioned — another heavenly ruler, the angelic heavenly ruler over the Grecian kingdom on earth (v. 20).

And the reason why attention is called to this heavenly ruler is easy to see and understand. Daniel, throughout his book, deals with the kingdom of Babylon, from the days of Nebuchadnezzar to the days of Antichrist; and Dan. 10:20, "...the prince of Greece shall come," anticipated that day when Alexander the Great in the Grecian kingdom on earth would conquer the kingdom of Babylon under the Medes and the Persians (*cf.* Dan. 2:39; 7:6; 8:7, 8, 21, 22).

Thus, there is not only a breakdown of powers in the heavenly kingdom under Satan corresponding to a breakdown of powers in various earthly kingdoms under fallen man but there is also a shifting of powers in the heavenly kingdom corresponding to a shifting of powers in the earthly kingdoms. In this respect, any person occupying a position of power in any Gentile earthly kingdom during the present age is merely occupying a position of power under Satan and his angels, as they rule from the heavens through counterparts on the earth.

(Note that *the nation of Israel* is the lone exception among nations on earth whose rulers presently hold positions of power and authority under fallen angels in the kingdom of Satan.

The prince over Israel is *Michael* [Dan. 10:21], an angelic prince in the heavens who is not numbered among those ruling in Satan's kingdom, as Israel is not numbered among the nations [Num. 23:9].

And Michael, undoubtedly, has a great host of angels ruling with and under him, as Satan has a great host of angels ruling with and under him.

The whole of the matter is *a rule by angels from two places in the heavens through individuals from the human race on earth — one through the nation of Israel, the other through all of the Gentile nations.*)