

# The Origins of our Destiny

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## Looking Back

Since I have become a senior citizen, I have been reflecting on my life. I was a child in the 1950's, a teenager and college student in the 60's and 70's, and I became a father in the 80's.

A bit of that earlier history I recall (when I had little understanding of the world) was during the early 1960's when prayer and the Bible were essentially removed from public education by the Supreme Court. I also remember one student in Jr. High (who went on to become the salutatorian at our high school) told me that other young people were using drugs and reported *finding God*. What an amazing coincidence! The State rejects God, while others are desperately trying to find Him.

Well, what was the big deal about dismissing the Bible, or the content of any other so-called religious texts? Was any form of religious observance this just a waste of time, a matter of protecting innocent young unadulterated minds, or was something else afoot? Of course, if the Bible is in fact the **Word of God**, then it might be pretty important, even in *public* education. Well, let's just quickly look at the Bible and see.

## The Divine Institutions

Within the first twelve chapters of Genesis, we see everything from the Creator forming His universe to the election of Abraham (from whom a blessing to all nations would eventually come).

I personally believe that many of the problems in America, and the world, stem from a cultural ignorance, or indifference, regarding the historical significance of the very first book of the Bible. Furthermore, if Genesis actually represents true history, what else are we missing?

In many churches, these early "stories" are regarded as allegories or myths rather than accurate historical documentation providing an epistemological foundation for mankind *universally*. Consequently, Christians (or others) may come by these truths haphazardly due to our cultural fragmentation. This is reflected in both the American church and secular society today.

Turning to these first twelve chapters we find the covenants, Genesis ordinances, or divine institutions (as I will refer to them), listed below aside the appropriate scriptural citations:

1. Work ..... Gen. 1:28; 2:15
2. Marriage..... Gen. 1.28, 2:18
3. Family..... Gen. 1: 28

The Fall ----- The Flood

4. Government..... Gen. 9:6
5. Nationalism..... Gen. 11:7-8
6. Israel/Church..... Gen. 12:1-3

Each of these institutions is associated with Biblical "stories" illustrating that they are ordained by design, or arrive from a divine response to historical situations. Work, marriage, and family were part of the creative plan before the Fall and are still with us today. Our personal origins and provision are centered within the context of our families, where a husband and wife are working together to provide for their children. Through the wages, or "fruit", of our labor, economic provision is secured, even for the community at large. Through the loving relationship between a man and a woman, children may be born in order to build a loving

family and hence fulfill God's creative will.

Beyond the Fall in Eden, universal human government was established *after* the Noahic Flood. Following God's condemnation of a contaminated and murderous world, he ordained capital punishment for murder as the major restraint against the arbitrary killing which had progressed far beyond Cain's first assault. It should be emphasized here that the killing of animals is *authorized*, whereas the arbitrary killing of man is *unauthorized*. Any unauthorized killing is murder. Therefore, God authorized capital punishment *by man* for the crime of murder, because it is the only suitable retribution which can be made for another human life.

Nationalism based upon *linguistic* differences (leading eventually to cultural or national divisions) was set in motion sometime during the rise of Babel (Babylon, Part I). As fallen mankind exercised its collective drives apart from God, idolatrous ambitions began to conflict with God's planned intentions. The Lord, therefore, graciously confused their language which sent them off in subgroups resulting in the culturally diverse societies we still see today.

In contrast to this Babylonian plan, God selects a man named Abram to provide a different type of personal security. The first Babylonians wanted to make a name for themselves. However, God promises Abram that He will make his name great, and through Abram God has a plan which will bring about a universal blessing. The operation of these divine institutions and the fulfillment of this Abrahamic covenant, essentially comprise the organizational focus for the rest of the Bible. The reality of both the nation of Israel and the universal Church are fulfilled elements of God's promise to Abraham. In the rest of the Bible, God's *redemptive* plan is progressively revealed.

## Antichristianity ?

If the following divine institutions are permanent fixtures within creation prior to Abraham, then any contrary efforts to distort or subvert these ordinances would constitute a platform for opposing God's will. For instance, note the following contrasts with each institution:

1. Work.....1. Sloth, Debt, Slavery
2. Marriage .....2. Divorce, Adultery, Sodomy
3. Family.....3. Murder, Abortion, Genocide
4. Government.....4. Anarchy, Tyranny, Statism
5. Nationalism .....5. Globalism, Communism
6. Israel/Church ...6. Anti-Semitism, Antichristianity

On this basis, it becomes easier to see why our world is having so much trouble. Once we understand that the principles which support these divine institutions are ingrained within the fabric of our created order (and not merely some *religious* viewpoints), then the cause/effect destruction of society becomes clear when these institutions are violated. Furthermore, those bent on altering human societies might *systematically* encourage such wickedness in order to corrupt and weaken a nation making it ripe for conquest. The works of Marx, Lenin, Gramski, and Alinsky are examples of such a systematic subversion.

## Israel

Following Genesis, from Moses to Solomon, we read a more detailed history of God calling forth a nation to become His *physical* testimony in the world, to be the primary steward of His Word, and to be the national vessel through whom the promised messiah/deliverer would come to bless both Israel *and all the families of the earth*. Furthermore, within Israel, God eventually made a special covenant with the house of David. David would have an *eternal* dynasty. This Davidic Messiah would also reign as king forever. However, prior to the reign of

any king, God was constructing a particular society, *a unique nation*, in stark contrast to gentile nations.

### Israel

1. Divine Law (system of law)  
Ex 20+ Deut 5+
2. Agrarian Emphasis  
Num 26; 33:54 Josh 13-22
3. Private Property  
Josh 13-22 I Kings 21
4. Emphasis on Family  
Num 26 Josh 13-21
5. Family Inheritance  
Num 16-36 Josh 13-24
6. Civilian Execution/Militia  
Lev 20,24
7. Fixed Tax (Tithe)  
Lev 27; Num 18; Deut 12,14

### Gentiles

1. Systems of Men
2. Urban Emphasis
3. Collective Property
4. Emphasis on State
5. State (Public) Domain
6. Professional Military
7. Arbitrary Taxation

Later, under Solomon, we see the rise of a developing Israeli empire which blessed the world with God's wisdom. All the kings of the earth came to behold the greatness and hear the wisdom of Solomon. Indeed, this was a partial fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant. However, due to the intermarriages to secure political alliances, the wisdom of God flowed *from* this empire while the wisdom of the world flowed *into* Israel. From this point on, the miscalculations of Solomon and subsequent kings resulted in the divine light coming from Israel to diminish.

Beyond the decline of imperial Israel during the prophetic *time of the Gentiles*, as summarized in Daniel, four empires (Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome) may be seen to illustrate a progressive, experimental program in provoking, and subduing, mankind under a far-reaching humanistic internationalism (which ultimately will result in a *global idolatry*).

Although much could be said about the glories, achievements, and legacies of these cultures (or empires), some major features are

central in understanding the progressive and comprehensive manipulation and control of world cultures. Significant elements of these empires are listed in the following chart:

### Mystery of Iniquity (The Empires of Daniel)

<u>Babylon</u>	-	<u>Economic Manipulation</u>
Regulation of economic behavior through debt and usury (foundation of modern banking); Temple prostitution was mandated for females for economic reasons. As debt increases private property (and private initiative) is lost.		
<u>Medo/Persia</u>	-	<u>Bureaucratic Regulation</u>
Extensive multicultural empire leading to greater divisions in political management; Relied on bureaucratic licensing, permitting, fee structures, etc. over daily activities to control various cultures.		
<u>Greece</u>	-	<u>Humanistic Philosophy</u>
Cultural shift toward a more secular view of life and socio-political interaction based on reason. Reason is valuable but it should be based on divine propositions, not finite human knowledge.		
<u>Rome</u>	-	<u>Military Statism</u>
All glory and authority rests on the power of the state; the state, or imperial agent, becomes God. Force is the operative principle: Might makes Right.		

When these features are combined with undermining the divine institutions, then our nation and our world will succumb to the worst form of tyranny that has ever existed in the history of mankind. This tyranny will be wholly antichristian in nature.

The Christian mission is one that calls the world to worship and serve the Infinite, Personal Creator as our only Lord and Savior. We are confronted by a variety of religious/philosophic views, which may not only oppose the divine institutions of God but advance a variety of evolutionary, humanistic, and pantheistic idolatries. Making America great again requires America's rediscovery of the *greatness of God*.

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