

Who was at the Tower of Babel and where do we go from here?



The Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images.
3. Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy Father and thy Mother
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, wife or possessions.

For 4000 years (After Adam & Eve sinned, and showed remorse, God slew an animal, first example of death and a sacrifice. Abel showed his acceptance, Cain his defiance, God made clothes to cover their shame...) human rights and technology stagnated. But then one called Jesus of Nazareth (the only Son of God, and ultimate sacrifice for our sins), offered us hope for eternal life with Him, for those who would have truly believed in Him. He told His disciples to take not only the Gospel to the nations, but also His Commands (Big 10) or law and order. The Gospel is about God's Law & Order:

Conviction + Repentance = Justification.

The nations being the original Tower of Babel people who repopulated the earth. And I am sure this repopulation was rarely peaceful. And as we have today the re-blending of cultures, differing in disciplines is rarely peaceful, without law.

Christians (first 1000 years) eventually conquered their known world for Christ, including governments who elevated human rights. For centuries, technology, science, medicine, arts, religion, etc. were developed to take human progress to the nations, as well as the Gospel. Of course there were those on both the giving and receiving side who abused the Commission. And I guess we could say many abandoned the Commission, or tainted it with our divisive -isms-. Unless we have the Total Commitment, we basically have what we have today. How should we then live and die? We need to teach lessons from the Bible that inspires us to interact with our world, not condemn it. Soon to complete 2nd 1000... Until He has to Return...

John 3:17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

In another article, (Jethro, Another Priest Forever – And The Remnant) I tried to build a case for the post flood patriarchs from Noah to possibly even Eber (4th from Noah) not being part of the Tower debacle, but were in a place called Salem. They may have been in the Tower area in the beginning. After all they were family and all spoke one language. The days of Peleg (5th from Noah) indicate a divided world.

But at some point and possibly very soon, I sense that God's leadership and their followers soon realized that God's people had no part with any godless endeavors. There was necessarily a place for them to go and God had a purpose for them: building a city on the hill. From Salem came Abraham's father Terah (9th from Noah – maybe a prior) to Ur, and eventually Abraham was called by God to build a new people of God that would eventually return to Canaan, via Ur, Canaan, Egypt and Canaan and eventually to build a new Salem on a hill under King David, Jerusalem.

The godless Jebusites occupied Salem at the time of David – where did the flood patriarchs go? A case for Jethro, a priest of Midian, who reintroduced sacrifices and knowledge of the ancients to Moses, 422 years after 'Melchizedek king of Salem' incident. Eber is Melchizedek? The job and not the man (God performing the first sacrifice for Adam and Eve, the men, and of course Jesus, the last).

But for the sake of 'no argument only' let us assume that all peoples were mixed together at the tower since today we as God's people have nowhere else to go. Unless we consider the universe – an unlikely probability. Reality, history, science, and even Scripture should rule out distant

space travel. As far as a new ‘earthly’ Jerusalem, seems to me that the OT Jews were waiting for ‘the Messiah’s reign in Jerusalem’.

And as we progress through Bible history, I hope (and pray) to prove that there is 6000+ years of history and that The Book of Revelation represents, in one way or another, the last 2000+/- years of Church history, and then some.... 4000 years until the First Coming, and 2000+/- until the Second. Should we ignore a third of history? Is the ‘kingdom’ now? Is Joel 3 the beginning of Eschatology (1948 Israel returns & 1967 6 Day War) and 2 Peter 3:10 and MT 24:29-30 (universal destruction) the ending of the ‘earthly’ and the beginning of the ‘heavenly’.

After God confused their language and forced the Babel’onians to scatter, this action had worked until civilization developed the technology to reach out to each other and are now very much uniting again with English language (not hip-hop, I hope), European culture and technology, United Nations, Olympic Games, Evolutionary Science, etc. Some are uniting because of the Gospel that went with the technology, while others are uniting again, but in making a ‘name, so we will not be scattered’. But this time, realistically nowhere to go.

If we follow current events, we do see a blending of cultures, of differing disciplines, as never before. Some is obviously necessary, some due to war or failing economies, but most of it is just bad management from ‘powers that be’. Without Christian influence and disciplines, as at the Tower, there is mass confusion. We have been better at this in the past, but the future does not look good, unless the Church and governments understand the dynamics of World (the what) and Biblical (the why) Histories. It may be as simple (?) as a review and reinstitution of the Ten Commandments (or basic law and order). See Holiness Tab. Of course the Church united in prayer would not hurt. And of course, some kind of war is inevitable.

After Christ’s Resurrection, the Great Commission, and the death of the OT Church, there were, necessarily, places to go. The resurrected NT Church of the first thousand years essentially reigned (Nero to Great Schism 54 AD to 1054 AD – making many converts is reigning – or the 1000 years of the Byzantine Empire) in Europe (via Rome) and even Asia and Africa (maybe influence in China, etc.) through Kings who worked with the Church and missionary activities and claimed divine authority. Of course the church weakened (the devil is restrained when

God's people are united in Spirit) and the Kings became suspect in their authority (especially the corrupted power of Rome, and of course the divisive preologies, as we have today). The following Dark Ages led to a revival. The world calls it a Renaissance, but it was more likely that the Reformation (Europe vs Rome) fueled the Renaissance.

Were the Crusades necessary? History shows early incursions by the forces of Mohammed into Europe, and initially I believe the Crusades were defensive. The American Revolution and Civil War, WW I and II are success stories; Korea, an ongoing success (?); Viet Nam, a disaster; the Iraq War: yes and no? The continuing Crusade to fix a really old problem. Success depends on a 'noble purpose' followed up by resolve and remembering the original purpose.

Any war that does not end in peace, prosperity, and religious freedom is just another war.

(The Church and 'political correctness' or 'it is the white man's religion that is to blame': God originally inspired European Christians to take the Gospel (and law and order) to the nations. It is those, on the giving and receiving side, who have rejected the Gospel who are the

problem. I also believe the conventional wisdom was: if we fix it there, they won't have to come here.)

After the Reformation, religious wars broke out in Europe – whose theology would reign. But missionary efforts continued. The Pilgrims of Plymouth fame represent a new place to go, with a new start, which eventually led to America, Independence from King George, and freedom of Religion guaranteed. Of course this led to more revolutions in Europe which overthrew the kings and replaced them with basically secular governments like America, but without God as the basis for its freedoms. Darwin and the Enlightenment saw to that – and the Church just watched (it does not matter) and some even joined in – if we compromise, they may listen to us, they said.

Today in America we have an out of control Judiciary (humanist activism – 10 Commandments sub planted with 10 or more rights), Congress (not enough conservatives – give them what they want, not what they need), and a President and media who mock our country's Christian founding and responsibilities. We also have had a multigenerational education system dedicated to the proposition that 'all mankind is created equal under the

eyes of humanism, unless you are deemed unnecessary' or 'survival of the fittest'. No wonder in world democracies (yes, America too) we do not vote for godly principles, we don't know what they are anymore (or at best, we are out voted).

Wait until the Church is faced with the dilemma: support gay marriage and abortion rights (who know what else follows or is) or lose your tax exempt status. Goodbye 501C3, hello 666.

And we have a world that has united under the name of let us say 'humanism' with its primary goal of building a Utopia (or another Tower) here on earth. In expediency and with all the disasters occurring, pending or imagined (even manufactured), the world has decided to throw off the Commandments of God in order to fix things 'our way' with the assumption that this universe is all there is. And now God's people have nowhere else to go.

Or do we? Revivals have occurred before haven't they? Should we give up and be part of that last generation that goes 'down in a blaze 'to' glory', during or before Jesus' return? Only good thing is 'we have somewhere else to go'. Journey's End to the 'Eternal Jerusalem'.

Ps The wife and I spent some time with Chinese American Christians (coming and going). They mostly have black hair, I cannot say their names nor speak Chinese (they are teaching me better English – I am not to hip-hop Yet). I am impressed by their culture and good manners. I am more impressed by their numbers and zeal across the world. I am making friends in case China is the next Christian country – I have already offered to carry their bags – in case there is somewhere else to go, uh first

My big prayer is that they avoid the Churches bickering over theological add'ons which divide us and at the same time take us 'out of the game', with only One place left to go.

Unless we skip back to Israel first – a complete circle, and then the end will come? Back to Israel? Well, interesting to think about? Certainly would inflame a lot of Revelational reactions and bring the Babel'onians down on us', with only One place left to go.

(Ps. When I wrote this article originally, we were in the midst of 10 years (2006-2016) of what I would call bad government in this country (humanistic – the bad people are already planting 'suspicion seeds' for the next election

– don't we get it!). And now, thanks to God, His people, and the Electoral College System, we again seem to have a government that can now empower Godly people to prosper. It will not be easy and probably in 10 or 15 years we will lapse back into hopelessness. Sort of like OT Israel and the good king/bad king scenario.... Until Jesus returns. Sorry for the pessimism, but 'it is history'.)

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