



Messenger!!

THE BATTLE FOR THE NATIONS – INSIGHT FROM BIBLE CHRONOLOGY:

I bring you greetings from the Revival Altar, in the Name of Yahushua Ha-Mashiach, the Son of the living God.

I took out time last three weeks to go and wait before the Lord and also pray about some kingdom related issues.

During the waiting, the Lord was pointing me back to myself in the mirror of His word.

What He was showing me as being important are encapsulated in two scriptures penned by Paul:

*For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. **20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected [the same] in hope, **21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Rom.8:19-21).*

***29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren (Rom.8:29)*

The Lord began to show me that the critical issue for heaven at this time is to have matured sons of God who carry and execute His judgments.

He was urging me to turn inwards to see hindrances and obstacles that were standing on my way to sonship and conformity to the image of Christ.

I began to pray in that direction, asking the Lord to purge me and cleanse me and the Lord took me on a journey through the Bible and brought me to a point where some things became very clear.

There are some things we must see and address in the Battle for the nations if we are going to be the generation through whom the Lord will bring lasting deliverance from the shackles of satan.

To appreciate this point, let us go through the Bible chronologically:

1. THE GODHEAD DWELLING ALONE:

A careful examination of the Bible shows that there was a time in the ageless past when the Godhead dwelt alone before commencing their creative work.

The Bible does not reveal the duration of this period.

Moses' opening statement in the Pentateuch makes this clear:

In the beginning God (Elohim).

So God dwelt alone in the beginning.

This means that there is nothing in the universe that is co-equal or an opposite of God.

He is alone in His class as a creator and every other being in the universe is created.

The Lord has taught me this lesson in the past but once in a while He has to re-inforce it so that our faith does not slip.

There was a time some years ago when I was going through a difficult situation in Germany. It was as if hell was standing in opposition to me.

The Lord visited me one day and asked me to always remember that satan was a created being and there was nothing he has that was not given to him. If he appeared to be doing some things and succeeding, it was because He the Lord has allowed him and he will NEVER have the capacity to cross the divine boundary drawn for him.

This assurance gave me rest to wait out the situation in joy and courage until the time appointed for the Lord's intervention.

Isaiah, the Ancient Prophet of Jehovah puts it this way:

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him (Is.40:18).

Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure (Is.46:9-10)

2. GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH:

The next creative act of God was to create the heavens and the earth to be the home for different category of beings that He will subsequently create.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens [are] the work of thy hands (Ps.102:25)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen.1:1).

3. CREATION OF THE HEAVENLY HOST:

The next event that happened if we are to put biblical events chronologically is the creation of the heavenly host, talking about different category, order and rank of Angels.

Different passages of scripture chronicle this event:

Bless the Lord O my soul...

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire (Ps.104:1, 4).

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. 21 Bless ye the LORD, all [ye] his hosts; [ye] ministers of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the LORD,

all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul (Ps.103:19-22).

There are different classes, orders and ranks of Angels. The different categories mentioned in the bible include:

- Seraphim
- Cherubim
- Thrones
- Dominions
- Powers or Authorities
- Principalities or Rulers
- Arch Angels.

4. ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY TO DESIGNATED ANGELS:

It is clear from scripture that God involved the Angelic Host in running the vast universe that He has created.

A careful reading of the prophetic scriptures will reveal this.

*And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These [are they] whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. **11** And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest (Zech.1:10-11).*

Lucifer, probably one of the Arch Angels had responsibility over some portion of the universe that included the earth.

*Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **14** Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (Ezk.28:13-14).*

The precious stones with which he was decorated are exactly the same as the stones that the Lord commanded Moses to put on the vest of the High Priest. CP. Ex.28:17-21.

Eden represented the Tabernacle that God built on earth as His Temple. Lucifer was a kind of High Priest in this place and he had governmental control over some Pre-Adamic beings that lived on earth before the creation of Adam.

Scripture and science agree that some pre-Adamic beings lived on earth before the creation of Adam. Lucifer had oversight functions over the earth.

Lucifer also had some assignment before the Heavenly council.

It would appear that he was the Cherub initially on the East side of the Throne of God. He was created with musical instruments that enabled him to be a kind of choir master that called the Host to rise in worship of Jehovah, when He appeared before the heavenly council as was His manner before the rebellion in heaven. (See Job 1:6; Job 2:1).

5. REBELLION IN HEAVEN:

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels 9Rev.12:7)

On account of his assignment before the Godhead and the Heavenly council, God created Lucifer with so much glory and imbued him with wisdom. After a while, his beauty and wisdom began to get into his head.

*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ⁷ **13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High (Is.14:12-14).*

*Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **15** Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. **16** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **17** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee (Ezk.28:14-17).*

Lucifer's story is an eternal statement that gifting no matter how stellar must be under-girded with character otherwise it could prove to be a disaster. That statement is prophetically demonstrated in the inner garment of Priests prescribed by the Lord himself.

At the hem of the Priest's dress, each bell (gift) is under-girded by a pomegranate (fruit).

Some other lessons we can draw from this about the nature of God.

From the narrative in the Book of Isaiah and Ezekiel, it is clear that Lucifer went on for a very long period of time defaming God and recruiting participants into his evil scheme.

God was aware of what he was doing but He kept quiet and still allowed him to function in his office as choir master.

The fact that God keeps quiet in the midst of iniquity is not a sign of approval. The Bible says that His long suffering and patience is actually in the hope of repentance and returning.

A day came however when the rebellion ran its full course provoking the Lord's response in severe judgment that saw Lucifer losing everything.

6. GOD'S RESPONSE IN JUDGMENT:

Eventually, God judged Lucifer's rebellion and he was expelled from his duty post and he lost his place in heaven.

The judgment was so devastating that it had impact on other parts of the universe including the earth.

*I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] no light. **24** I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. **25** I beheld, and, lo, [there was] no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. **26** I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place [was] a wilderness,*

and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, [and] by his fierce anger. 27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken [it], I have purposed [it], and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. 29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city [shall be] forsaken, and not a man dwell therein (Jer.4:23-29).

In the passage, Jeremiah was brought into the visions of God to behold the utter devastation of the entire created universe as a result of judgment of Lucifer's rebellion.

This is where Moses picks up his account of creation as recorded in the book of Genesis:

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters (Gen.1:2)

Scripture makes it clear that the universe including the earth was originally created in perfect beauty and harmony contrary to the devastation and disorder that we witness in Ge.1:2.

Scripture gives witness to the beauty and harmony of the universe including the earth before the devastating judgment that was God's response to Lucifer's rebellion.

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I [am] the LORD; and [there is] none else (Is.45:18).

As a result of Lucifer's rebellion a couple of things happened to him.

- He lost his office in the heavenly council.
- He lost his authority over Eden.
- His wisdom became corrupt.
- His light became inverted.
- He was expelled from his place of service in heaven but not from the heavenly places.
- He received a sentence of eternal damnation awaiting execution at the end of time.

7. THE CREATION OF MAN, PART OF GOD'S RESPONSE TO LUCIFER'S REBELLION.

If we don't see this second aspect of God's judgment of Lucifer's rebellion we will not be well placed to understand the depth of hatred that Satan has for man and his intense devotion to causing the downfall of man.

Lucifer was originally created a celestial being from light, with immortality dwelling in him.

After his rebellion against his maker God reached down to the most humble and lowest of elements – dust to create a being to whom He gave Lucifer's original office and authority.

He appeared to be saying to satan, since you think too much of yourself because of the beauty and wisdom I have bestowed on you, I will use the lowest possible

element to confound you as a demonstration of My absolute power and sovereignty.

When God created man, He gave him Lucifer's office, his authority and his function.

(See Gen.1:26-29, Gen.2:7-8, 15-17).

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁵ For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. ⁶ Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet: ⁷ All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;² ⁸ The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, [and whatsoever] passeth through the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth! (Ps.8:4-9).

If we don't understand this background and the depth of satan's hatred for man, we will not understand why the bible emphasises separation, consecration and holiness for those who are determined to overcome satan's opposition.

If we compromise on these three issues, then we play into his hands.

8. THE FALL OF ADAM – SATAN'S FIGHT BACK AGAINST GOD:

After the creation of Adam and his investiture in Eden as the Priest of God over the earth and caretaker of the earth, Lucifer observed events for a season.

In his proud mind, he could not comprehend how something made from dust can perform his Priestly and supervisory function over the Earth from Eden.

He was sure Adam would fail and he watched him for a season.

However, God put his image on Adam and also made provision for continuous fellowship.

Every day as Adam continued to fellowship with God, he was being transformed by His glory until Adam began to see that a transformation was taking place that was making Adam more and more like Christ.

He determined to do something before it was late.

With the creation of Eve, Satan saw an opening through a weaker vessel and passed through her to bring man down.

He was able to deceive Eve, and Adam made a free choice to join in the fall instead of stepping in as a Priest to make atonement for Eve. (Gen.3:1-6).

God responded in various ways but made a pronouncement against Satan that sets the tone for the conflict of nations that will go on until the end of the present age and the termination of the Noahic Order.

God made a promise that the seed of a woman would see satan's downfall:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel(Gen.3:15).

Satan knew that all he has to do to extend his temporary control over the earth was to ensure that God does not have a godly seed.

Every battle on earth especially the battle for nations is actually a battle for seed. Every conflict on earth is a conflict between the seed of God and the seed of satan. Satan's strategy has always been to ensure that He will have his own seed in any congregation of God.

What happened next in Genesis 6 is Satan's strategy to have his own seed on earth.

9. THE CORRUPTION OF THE HUMAN SPECIES – THE NEPHILIM INVASION (SATAN'S MASTERSTROKE):

*There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare [children] to them, the same [became] mighty men which [were] of old, men of renown. **5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually.*

***6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. **7** And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them (Gen.6:4-7).*

What satan did next was to inspire a group of Angels to leave their original estate in heaven and defy the natural laws of God.

These angels married human wives through the lineage of Cain and eventually gave birth to men that were born outside the natural order of God.

The bible describe this breed as Giants.

They were born outside the order of God though they had human body. They did not have God's nature or conscience and they were totally devoted to evil.

As a result of their extreme lust and super human strength, they multiplied their breed so rapidly until they succeeded in changing the DNA of the entire human population with the exception of one man and possibly his immediate family.

*The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. **12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth (Gen.6:11).*

10. GOD'S RESPONSE THROUGH THE JUDGMENT OF THE FLOOD:

Understanding the implication of this development and the consequences it will have on His program of redemption of mankind that is anchored on having a fully human lineage through which the promised seed would come, God had only one option:

To wipe out the entirely corrupt generation and preserve the only man and his nuclear family whose DNA has not been polluted.

The flood was God's act of mercy to mankind to preserve the human species from eternal damnation.

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them (Gen.6:6).

God gave instructions to Noah to construct an Ark through which he will escape the flood with his family and a Remnant of the animal and living creatures that still retained their nature.

*And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. **11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the*

month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. **12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; **14** They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.⁶ **15** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein [is] the breath of life. **16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in (Gen.7:10-17).

11. GOD'S RESET – THE NOAHIC COVENANT:

After the flood had ravaged the earth for one hundred and fifty days, mercy prevailed and God brought an end to the devastating flood.

Noah and his family of eight came out of the Ark and the Lord renewed His Covenant with them over the earth giving Noah the original mandate He gave to Adam.

*And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. **2** And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth [upon] the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. **3** Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*

***4** But flesh with the life thereof, [which is] the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. **5** And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. **6** Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. **7** And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.*

***8** And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, **9** And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; **10** And with every living creature that [is] with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. **11** And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.*

12. SATAN'S FRESH ONSLAUGHT – THE TOWER OF BABEL (GEN.11):

No sooner had humans began to multiply on the face of the earth than satan located another gifted man in the person of an African named Nimrod the son of Cush.

He was gifted and skilled in hunting and had leadership qualities that made the others look up to him.

This is how the scripture introduces Nimrod:

*And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. **9** He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. **10** And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar (Gen.10:9-10).*

He was the first monarch and city builder and through him Satan began to gain foothold on earth.

Satan made him a proposal that he would make him a god and he bought the proposal.

Through him Satan began to have sons on earth that are totally devoted to evil. He began to lead human beings in organized rebellion and opposition against God:

*And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. **3** And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. **4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top [may reach] unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth (Gen.11:2-4).*

13. GOD'S RESPONSE IN JUDGMENT:

It is important that we get the background to the incidence that happened in Babel.

Humanity has just been saved from a devastating attempt by Satan to alter the DNA of the entire human race and in this way defeat the purpose of God for creating man.

God intervened in a decisive way by wiping out the entire population of both man and animals that have been affected by the corruption.

Less than three generations later, the humans that have been saved by such gracious intervention of God were already planning another rebellion against God.

At the center of that rebellion was a gifted African man named Nimrod.

Their entire plan was to unite in opposition against the plan of God.

God has said disperse and populate all the earth.

They decided they were going to remain in one place lest they be scattered abroad (Gen.11:4).

They also wanted to build a tower that will reach towards heaven: That is achieving immortality in human strength, without God.

Extra biblical source says that their reasoning was to build such a tower that will be so strong and high that is able to withstand a flood, in case God decides to send another one.

The occasion was so grievous that the LORD, Jehovah did not rely on the report of Angels alone. He visited personally to get first hand judicial evidence of what the men were up to because he was about to do something drastic that would affect his relationship with nation states:

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower.. (Gen.11:5).

The Lord responded to that rebellion in three major ways:

- He confused their tongues to strike at the heart of their unity:
Go to, Let us go down and confound their language (Gen.11:7).
- He dispersed them to different parts of the earth:
So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth (Gen.11:8).
- The Lord disinherited the Gentile nations:

This third aspect which has serious consequences on the eternal destiny of nation states is not captured in Gen. 11, but Moses outlines it in Deuteronomy where He also established the fact that nation states were not the creation of man.

To see this clearly, you just have to read Deut.32:8 from either the Hebrew Bible or the English Standard Version (ESV).

*When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples **according to the number of the sons of God** (Dt.32:8 ESV).*

The KJV translates the last phrase, according to the number of the children of Israel possibly as a result of the theological bias of the translators.

What God actually did was to disinherit the nations and hand them over to the gods (the fallen angels) that they were continually choosing to serve from the ante dilluvian period.

The New Testament equivalent of this fact is found in Paul's letter to the Romans:

*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. **22** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, **23** And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. **24** Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: **25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.⁸ **26** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: **27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. **28** And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient (Rom.1:21-28)*

There is something in the nature of God that responds to continuous rebellion in harsh judgment.

The Bible Teacher and Hebrew Scholar Michael Heiser wrote a sound exposition of Deut. 32:8-9 and the Old Testament world view:

Deuteronomy 32:8 describes Yahweh's dispersal of the nations at Babel and his resultant disinheriting of those nations, giving them over to other lesser gods (Elohim). Deuteronomy 32:9 by contrast states that the nation of Israel belongs to Yahweh alone.

When the most High apportioned the nations as an inheritance, when He divided up humankind, He established the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the Lord's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted heritage (Deut.32:8-9).

English translations based on traditional Hebrew text of the Old Testament read **sons of Israel** instead of sons of God.

The Phrase sons of God comes from manuscripts of Deuteronomy found among the Dead Sea scrolls – Scrolls much older than the traditional received text. The reference to Babel in Deuteronomy highlights an important point regarding this manuscript disagreement.

The division of the nations at the Tower of Babel (Gen.11:1-9) is connected to the Table of nations of Genesis 10 which directly precedes it.

The Table of nations categorise 70 nations but does not include Israel, why?

Because Israel did not exist at the time of the Babel event.

This makes the reference to sons of Israel in Deut.32:8 illogical and unsustainable.

Sons of God was most likely changed to sons of Israel sometime after the Jewish community in response to the new Christian Church and its use of the Septuagint standardized the Hebrew text in the century AD.

The Israelite View of the Nations and their gods:

Deut.32:8-9 is fundamental for understanding the worldview of Old Testament Israel. These two verses explain both the existence of the foreign pantheons and their inferiority to Yahweh. A parallel passage to Deut.32:8-9, Deut.4:19-20, will provide some needed context.

And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them whom the Lord your God has allotted to all nations under the whole heaven. But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace out of Egypt to be a people of his own inheritance as you are this day (Deut.4:19-20).

Deut.4:19-20 and 32:8-9 represent two sides of the same coin. In Deut.32:8-9, God apportions the nations to the sons of God, here, however, God allots the gods of the nations.

Israelites, in other words believed that Yahweh, their own supreme, unique God, sentenced the nations and their gods to each other. At Babel, God like a father dismissing and disinheriting his children, judges all the nations for their disobedience (Gen.11:1-9). Then in the very next chapter, He calls Abraham (Gen.12:1-3), effectively starting over in creating an earthly human family for Himself.

These other gods, which Deut.32:8 refers to as the sons of God were members of Yahweh's heavenly host. Scripture condemns both the members of the nations and their gods for disloyalty and corruption.

Linking the pagan Gentile nations and their gods in this way gave the Biblical worldview its particular focus on making the Israelites distinct from other nations and their gods.

These spiritual boundaries between Israel and every other nation indicated that loyalty to other nations could not be separated from loyalty to their gods. The distinction even extended to physical geography, which for Israelites was cosmic geography.

(See Michael S. Heiser: Deuteronomy 32:8-9 and the Old Testament Worldview).

The Table of nations listed in Gen.10 is therefore a consequence of what happened in Gen.11:1-9.

From the lineage of Shem, we have 26 nations listed.

From the lineage of Ham, you have 30 nations.

From the lineage of Japheth, we have 14 nations making a total of 70 nations.

The Lord allowed the fallen angels to rule over them and took Israel to Himself through His Covenant with Abraham.

➤ Gen.10: Table of Nations

SHEM	HAM	JAPHETH
1. Elem	27. Cush	57. Gomer
2. Ashur	28. Mizram	58. Magog
3. Arphaxad	29. Phut	59. Madai
4. Lud	30. Canaan	60. Javan
5. Aram	31. Ludim	61. Tubal
6. Uz	32. Anamim	62. Mesheeh
7. Hul	33. Lehabim	63. Tiras
8. Gether,	34. Naphtuhim	64. Ashkenaz
9. Mash	35. Pathrusim	65. Riphath
10. Selah	36. Casluhim	66. Togarmah
11. Eber	37. Capthorim	67. Elishah
12. Peleg	38. Sidon	68. Tarshish
13. Joktan	39. Heth	69. Kittim
14. Almodad	40. Jebusite	70. Dodanim
15. Sheleph	41. Amorite	
16. Hazamaveth	42. Gergashite	
17. Jarah	43. Hivite	
18. Hadoram	44. Arkite	
19. Uzal	45. Sinite	
20. Diklah	46. Arvadite	
21. Obal	47. Zemarite	
22. Abimael	48. Hamathite	
23. Sheba	49. Seba	
24. Ophir	50. Havilah	
25. Havilah	51. Sebtah	
26. Jabab	52. Raamah	
	53. Sabtechah	
	54. Nimrod	
	55. Sheba	
	56. Dedan	

The Implication of this:

The nations have evil rulers by nature. Only Israel has a godly angel, Michael as its angelic overseer.

This has implications in dealing with the spiritual government over nations.
You can now understand Paul's point in Eph.6:10-12:

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against **the rulers of the darkness of this world**, against **spiritual wickedness in high [places]**.*

CHANGING THE SPIRITUAL GOVERNMENT OVER NATIONS:

To change the spiritual government over nations, we must recognise the following realities and deal with them:

- Satan's inherent claim.
- Satan's Legal Claim.
- Satan's Advantage in the present age:

All these are hinted at in Satan's conversation with the Lord during his temptation after his long fast:

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. ⁷ If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. ⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve (Lk.4:5-8)

SATAN'S INHERENT CLAIM: The cumulative effect of the scriptures that we highlighted and arising from the fall is the fact that the Gentile nations were handed over to the sons of God (fallen angels) all under satan's control when God disinherited the nations.

Three times in the New Testament (Jn.14:30; Jn.12:31-33; Jn.16:11), the Lord Jesus recognised satan's inherent right as the prince of this world.

Scripture then speaks of the Prince of Persia, the Prince of Greece (Dan.10, 13, 20).

When we are contending with satan over the nations, we must recognise that we are fighting on his own turf and we stand no chance of overcoming or overthrowing him except in total dependence on the Lord and following His strategy and timing.

SATAN'S LEGAL CLAIM: Apart from satan's inherent claim, Gentile nations are lured through witchcraft and sorcery to make transactions with satan over nations.

The model of democracy we practice today was not copied from God. It is derived from knowledge passed over to the ante-diluvian age by the Nephilim and passed over to the nations through ancient thrones instituted by the same Giants.

In Nigeria's case for example, United Kingdom that colonized Nigeria deliberately initiated Nigeria into the occult and this has continued to colour our nationhood.

See our Book, God's Eternal Plan for Nigeria.

SATAN'S INHERENT ADVANTAGE:

Operating as the Dragon satan has totally infused human system with his principles including government, education economy, religion and social life.

14. THE GOSPEL – THE ONLY LEGAL PROVISION OF GOD TO CHANGE THE SPIRITUAL GOVERNMENT OVER NATIONS:

At Babel, God disinherited the nations.

The only legal provision He has made to change the spiritual government over nations is through the preaching of the Gospel.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matt.24:14).

Through the preaching of the Gospel, God will give every nation an opportunity to decide whether it wants to be adopted into God's family of nations.

God gives a charge to His followers in all ages to go and make disciples of nations:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matt.28:18-20)

Nations who acknowledge Christ and the Gospel will have their idolatrous foundations changed to meet God's standard for eternal Thrones and adopted into the family of God's nations. Such nations will now transit with the Lord Jesus Christ, during His return in glory into the millennial kingdom. Other nations who reject Christ will be cast into hell when the geography of the earth changes during the Lord's return in glory.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, [and] all the nations that forget God (Ps.9:17).

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Matt.25:31-34).

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt.25:41).

There two Thrones in operation on earth:

The Throne of Nimrod: Patterned after Idolatry and run on witchcraft and occultism.

The Throne of David whose foundation is Christ.

(See Ps. 87, Ps.89:14).

All Thrones of Nimrod which is controlling most nations now will be consigned to hell. This will take down Gentile nations that continue to align with these Thrones. The Throne of David on the other hand will survive time and go into eternity, such that when the Lord Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth during the millennium, He will not be bringing another Throne. Instead He will sit on the throne of David:

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David (Lk.1:31-32).

15. CHANGING THE SPIRITUAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONS:

The issue here is how do we approach a just and righteous God to re-assign the Angelic overseer over a nation?

I don't claim to have all the answers but in standing in prayers for Nigeria and the nations I have learnt some things at the Master's feet and I want to offer some suggestions.

a) **RECOGNISE**, the true spiritual state of the nation in question:

Ps.89:14 says: *Justice and judgment [are] the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.*

Once the general complexion of a nation is tending towards wickedness, evil and corruption then it is easy to determine who is in charge over the heavens of the nation.

We must also be clear about the specific Angelic rulers over the nation bearing in mind the scripture in Matt.12:29:

Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

From my own study and revelation we are dealing with three or major Angelic rulers over Nigeria:

(See GEPFN to understand the spiritual transaction that sold Nigeria to the kingdom of darkness).

i. Leviathan: Job 41

Manifestations: Violence, Bloodshed, Occultism, Wickedness, Injustice.

In the outworking of History, some things took place between 1802 and 1808 that laid foundations for the stronghold of Leviathan in Nigeria.

Is.27:1 gives us the pattern of its manifestation and root in our nation:

*In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish **leviathan the piercing serpent**, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay **the dragon that [is] in the sea.***

This is talking about the operation in the North and the South as a result of a spiritual transaction warehoused in Sokoto. May the Lord give you understanding and insight.

ii. Behemoth: Job.40:15-24

Manifestations: Dryness, Poverty, Backwardness.

iii. Mammon: Lk.16

Manifestations: Corruption, greed,

iv. Q.O.H: Is.47, Jer.7

Manifestations: Idolatry, Prostitution, Witchcraft, Religion and darkness.

b) **REPENTANCE:** The offering of repentance and bearing the fruit of repentance is the next logical step by the nation that finds itself in such a situation.

2Chr.7:14 states:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

c) **APPROACHING THE COURT OF HEAVEN:**

The appropriate company of Priests with the necessary Covenants, authority and calling can then approach the Court of Heaven to make a case for the Lord to sack the evil spiritual government over the nation. (See Dan.7:9-11; Is.36; Is.37). This must NEVER be done presumptuously. It will be important to have a company of Seer and Seal Prophets that can get the actual respond of heaven to the case made. The next step will be effective if we have a clear picture of what transpired at the Court of Heaven so that the engagement in warfare will not be presumptuous (See Num.14:42-44).

- d) **WARFARE:** In launching warfare, it is important to understand a nation's prophetic cycles and divine timelines. Speaking globally, the days of man on earth is almost over. Mankind is living in a small sliver of time which God has allowed to fulfill outstanding prophecies. (See Acts 3:19-21; Jl.2:28-32). Concerning Nigeria, the Lord said in 2011 that He will judge the nation for 7 years for idolatry, bloodshed and different sheds of evil. But from the eighth year, He will visit in restoration so that the nation can fulfill her mandate as a Missionary nation that will be His last global witness on earth, in the way UK and USA has been. (See our Book, The Days of the Black Horse Rider). In 2017, the Lord said that Nigeria has entered His Era spiritually (The Seventh Era) and there will be a physical manifestation soon. With this understanding, we can pray in line with the Scripture in **Ezk.21:26-27** that there will be an overturning until the perfect will of God is made manifest.

16. CONCLUSION:

Our nation actually needs a Revival. Revival is the clearest evidence that there has been a shift in the spiritual government over a nation.

*When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. **5** And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory [shall be] a defence.^{6 7} **6** And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain (Is.4:4-6)*

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; [so] the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the fie (Zech.10:1).

We cannot have a Revival unless the Remnant Church in this nation pays the price of Unity, Covenant, Consecration and a return to the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom which is God's eternal purpose for Nigeria.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is actually an announcement that God has made provision to recover the nations through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

This is the only hope for Nigeria. Every man, institution or spirit that opposes this purpose is an enemy of the nation and we must deal with such opposition in the place of prayer.

There is an ongoing conflict that is deepening in intensity as the age comes to a close. That conflict is a conflict or a war of seed – The Seed of God, and the Seed of Satan.

Every conflict on earth today can be viewed from this prism.

May the Lord give us light and cause us to be the generation that provokes His intervention in our land to bring forth our prophetic calling.

May the Seed of God win in the battle of seed.

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