## The Biblical Perspective of the Current Crisis

### **Introduction:**

December 2020 is the anniversary month of what became known as the Covid-19 Pandemic. This disease did not naturally occur, but contrary to usual influenza viruses, this one was created in a Chinese laboratory in Wühän. It was then released outside of China with its primary target being the United States of America.

It cannot be categorically stated that its purpose was to have a major impact on the United States' 2020 election, but how this outbreak was managed over the course of the following 12 months causes objective observers to wonder if its release was designed accomplish exactly that.

The United States, as founded under its Constitution, was designed to disperse power away from the monarchial power of England over to the people. The intent was to construct a government that insisted on law and order, but to otherwise allow free citizens to live their lives in accordance with their own desires. Obey the law but enjoy the freedom to personally advance or not using one's own free will.

There has been an observable drift in the country away from this arrangement. The individual states were designed to carry out their own sets of laws but the real power was left to the people.

Gradually, over the course of more than a century, this idea has gradually devolved away from the people and the individual states over to the power of the centralized federal government. Consequently, over time, the lust for power no longer was restricted to what became the diversity of fifty states but rather to a single, federal-government leviathan.

What has finally metastasized is the merger of power lust with monetary lust so that we presently have a government whose only purpose is to aggrandize the mega rich and to do so on the backs of the people.

The strategy to accomplish this mostly bloodless coup d'état began with the inauguration of President Barack H. Obama in January 2009. The strategy for the continuation of his policies was to be carried forward by Hillary R. Clinton who was Obama's Secretary of State. She was handily defeated in the 2016 presidential election by Donald J. Trump, an event which so shocked the Democrat Party that they began a vicious campaign to destroy his presidency even before he took office in January 2017.

The party resolved that if he were not hounded out of office that it would engage whatever means were necessary to prevent his reelection.

This goal was initiated by means of Covid-19 which allowed the Deep State to utilize its arrival from China as a pretext for shutting down the country. One of the major tactics deployed was by a number of state governors restricting the free movement of its citizens by what became known as lockdowns.

In several northern and western states, a movement emerged to defund the police by implementing major budget cuts and the dismissal of large numbers of police officers. Into this void, two terrorist organizations began to destroy cities with violence against resident business owners and attack innocent citizens. Robbery, assault, arson, and general violence emerged that went undeterred and unprosecuted. Numerous cities were ransacked, running business owners out of business. These terrorists' excuse for their crimes was the arrogant remark that the owners' insurance companies would cover the loss.

Emerging from this chaos, devastation, economic decline, unemployment, and general disorder, the residents of these several states astonishingly chose to vote Democrat and thus reelect the party that fomented and then promoted the lawlessness and destruction.

This entire episode staggers the imagination and can only be logically explained by the vast majority of the nation's citizens suffering a widespread and prolonged loss of peace and tranquility.

Everything that has happened since late December 2019 is a glaring testimony to the relentless perseverance by the Dark Side to take down client nation America. It is yet to be revealed how vast this decline will take us, but what we have observed over the past year does not bode well for its future.

Presently, Donald Trump's lawyers are trying to recount a number polling places in blue states. Let's pretend that these people are able to turn over the election back to Trump's favor. Know this: If such should occur, the two terrorist organizations and their acolytes will be unrestrained in the devastation they will wreak upon this country.

For all practical purposes, the coup has been successfully achieved. The transformation of this country will continue in coordination with nations which we previously understood to be our enemies. Our task is to orient and adjust to the situation and continue to do what we have already done which is to sequester ourselves inside the bubble under the divine guidance of doctrine and the power of His immutable Word.

Our biblical orientation and adjustment will require examination of three pertinent doctrines: (1) The Pivot, (2) the Client Nation, and (3) the Five Cycles of Discipline.

### The Doctrine of the Pivot

#### **Definition** Α.

- 1. The Pivot is a term that refers to the total population of mature believers currently living in a client nation to God. This Pivot consists of those believers who have advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life.
- 2. This level of spiritual advance consists of personal love for God, unconditional love for all mankind, sharing the happiness of God, and occupation with Christ.
- 3. The undergirding principle for mature believers is virtue first. There are untold numbers of believers who have placed their personal faith in Jesus Christ but have not acquired the interest or dedication to grow in grace through serious study of the Word of God.
- 4. Believers in the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred are actually a drag on the client nation since they are not doing their duty to contribute to the power of the Pivot. Instead they live in the darkness of unconfessed sin, distorted application of Scripture, and engrained self-righteousness.
- 5. Immature believers, influenced by the false doctrine, consider doing "good works" is the summum bonum for the Christian, but biblically speaking, the production of "good works" is exclusively the application of Bible doctrine into the devil's world which may be accomplished by thought, speech, and overt actions.
- The believer's personal association with God through the knowledge of His 6. Word and resultant application of doctrine results in historical impact.

#### The Pivot and the Client Nation В.

- A Client Nation may be formed in any nation whose government recognizes 1. establishment absolutes of freedom, privacy, and property. This does not imply that such a situation constitutes a "Christian nation."
- However, Christians within a national entity form within its borders a Client 2. Nation when that nation provides the environment for believers to function freely within its borders.
- 3. This environment provides freedom for all under the principle of free exercise and personal privacy. Believers are afforded the freedom to worship without any restraints from government.

The term "Client Nation" refers to a national entity under the patronage of God with responsibility to evangelize the lost, teach doctrine to the saved, guard and protect the Bible, provide a haven for resident Jews, and support missionaries.

- 4. These freedoms were among the first items mentioned in the Bill of Rights: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."
- 5. On the back cover of the book, *Forty Proclamations: The Theology of Grace Doctrine Church*, is this statement which expands on the text of Amendment I:

The foundation of all cultures is a central belief system that unites disparate individuals into a harmonious commonwealth. Although the United States is not a Christian nation, it was founded primarily by Christians who incorporated laws of divine establishment into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. For Christians, the most sacred right contained in the First Amendment is that of free exercise. Ancillary to it are those freedoms that enable a person to grow in grace so he can become a good soldier for Christ. Freedom of movement facilitates Freedom of assembly permits church assembly. attendance. Freedom of speech allows public exposition of Scripture. Freedom of the press insures the publication and distribution of the Bible and its Recognizing the importance of a free teachings. people having access to the foundational documents of the Republic, these State Papers are a part of this publication.2

- 6. These rights are among the absolutes that form the law of liberty for all citizens in the country. Within the confines of the First and following Amendments, the believer is allowed to grow in grace and form a Pivot of believers what become the invisible heroes that sustain a client nation.
- 7. New believers are free to grow in grace but what sustains a client nation is the Pivot which consists of believers who function within the sophisticated spiritual life.
- 8. It is the Pivot that sustains and perpetuates the Client Nation. However, when the Pivot declines then the stability of the Client Nation declines. This shrinkage occurs in three ways regarding the body of believers: (1) death, (2) negative volition by reversionists, and (3) disinterest in serious study of the Word of God by others.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Forty Proclamations: The Theology of Grace Doctrine Church (St. Charles: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2011), outside back cover.

- 9. Replacements for the last two categories may be accomplished by evangelism, but that is only the starting point. These recruits must also be motivated to follow up their salvation with serious study of Scripture in a doctrinally oriented local church.
- 10. Many believers, sans doctrine, make independent assumptions about what is considered the Christian way of life which often adopts liberal ideas that imitate policies and behaviors promoted by leftist organizations.
- 11. True evangelism is carried out by those who have the spiritual gift; however, the individual believer can do so as well through personal witnessing to unbelievers or handing them literature (Without charge!).
- 12. Most importantly, is to encourage the new believer to join a nondenominational local church. Its pastor must exegete biblical texts using literal hermeneutics, systematic theology, and the development of doctrinal categories.

# C. The Biblical History of the Pivot: of Israel

- 1. In our study of Elijah in 1 and 2 Kings, we noted the five Jewish Priest Nations and their rise and fall due to popular rejection of biblical authority in favor of the worship of idols.
- 2. These five periods took place over the course of almost 14 centuries, from 1441 B.C. to A.D. 70. On each occasion those held responsible for defending, studying, and applying the directives of Scripture were the Jewish people.
- 3. The political arrangement for each of these five include:
  - 1. The Theocratic Kingdom. It began following the Exodus until the time of Samuel, who was revered as the greatest among the judges and was the first among the prophets. This period lasted from 1441–1020 B.C.
  - 2. The United Kingdom. This period included the entirety of the nation Israel and lasted from the reigns of King Saul through that of King Rehoboam. He was also the first king of the Southern Kingdom after the nation was divined in two. This kingdom lasted from 1020–926 B.C.
  - 3. The Northern Kingdom of Israel. This Priest Nation lasted from Jeroboam I to Hoshea, 926–721 B.C. The fifth cycle of discipline was administered by Assyria, commanded by Sargon II.
  - 4. The Southern Kingdom of Judah. Rehoboam continued his reign as the first king of Judah while the last to do so was Zedekiah. This kingdom lasted from 926–586 B.C. when it was conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

- Following the defeat by Nebuchadnezzar, the Jews suffered 70 years of captivity from 586–516 B.C.
- 5. The Kingdom of Judah. This nation was restored in 516 B.C. and its first king was Zerubbabel. This kingdom lasted until August/September A.D. 70 when Titus, commander of the Roman legion, defeated the Jews in Jerusalem and while doing so destroyed the temple.

Immediately on being proclaimed emperor in 69, Vespasian [ve-spā-zhē-an] gave Titus charge of the Jewish war, and a large-scale campaign in in the capture and culminated destruction Jerusalem. (The Arch of Titus [81], still standing at the entrance to the Roman Forum, commemorated his victory.)<sup>3</sup>

### D. The Biblical History of the Pivot: of Gentiles

- 1. The first Gentile Client Nation was S.P.Q.R.: Senatus Populus Que Romanus: "The Senate and People of Rome," known generally as the Roman Empire.
- 2. The Pivot that emerged in Rome was responsible for its "golden age" under the reigns of the five Antonine Caesars from 96–A.D. 192: (1) Marcus Cöccēius Nérva [18 Sept. 96–27 Jan. 98], (2) Marcus Ulpius Traiānus [28 Jan. 98–9 Aug. 117], (3) Publius Aēlius Hādriánus [10 Aug. 117–10 July 138], (4) Antonínus Augústus Píus [11 July–7 Mar. 161], and (5) Márcus Aurélius [8 Mar. 161–17 Mar. 180].
- 3. Although these emperors were dictatorial the Empire enjoyed a period of great freedom and blessing. It is not the form of government that causes prosperity but rather the presence of a strong Pivot.
- 4. When Rome's status faded around A.D. 476, the Pivot had already made its move westward where certain men had already begun to minister to Europeans: Martin of Tours (316–397), Patrick in the mid-400s, Columba (521–597), Columbanus (543–615), Boniface (675–754), Cyril and Methodius (825–884), Ansgar (801–865), Eric the Red and Leif Eriksson (10th and 11th centuries).
- 5. See the book, Gospel's Missionary Journey, for more on these individuals and commentary on their movements westward.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia, 15th ed. (2010), 11:806.

