

3. These reversionistic believers, although saved, are victims of their disinterest in spiritual growth. The larger this group happens to be the greater the disaster and destruction of the nation.
4. In human history, there is nothing unusual about one heathen nation overthrowing another one. When this occurs, there is a horrific aftermath imposed by the conquering nation.
5. So, there is nothing new about the idea of nations rising and nations falling with the latter brought down by poor leadership, a weak military, and an unprepared population. This is commonplace throughout history.
6. The difference among nations that have included believers—both Jews and Goyim—is that the host nation must provide within its borders a haven of refuge for them.
7. As these believers take advantage of the accoutrements of the host nation, they are free to grow in grace and many among their populations advance to the spiritual level of Pivot.
8. Again, the definition of this term is, “the accumulation of mature believers living in a Client Nation.” This designation occurs when, in the Church Age, the host nation is either founded by believers, as were the United States, or is receptive to allowing residency to those believers who wish to live within the nation’s borders.
9. With regard to the makeup of a Client Nation, the host nation is protected by its resident Pivot. For example, when a predator nation decides to attack a Client Nation with a large Pivot, the divine decree will ensure that nation will be protected, survive, and win the contest.

#### **D. The Current Impact of Present-Day United States as a Client Nation**

1. Since the time the Pilgrims arrived in Massachusetts Bay in 1620, believers of Europe discovered a place of refuge from the regnal rulership of Great Britain.
2. Their arrival started a process that ultimately resulted in the decision to declare the colonies independence from England in 1776. This started a sequence of events that culminated in the War for Independence with Washington’s victory over the British in Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781.
3. This victory ultimately resulted in the formation of a national Constitution whose structure contains the thinking of geniuses. The structure of our Constitution is a work of legal sophistication that dispenses rulership away from the national government systematically upward to the States, then to the counties, then to the cities, and ultimately to the people.
4. It is this document that has the sophistication and the power to resolve the current crisis in the United States.



5. Its structure enables the people to resolve a national crisis which has been fomented in the most recent election. The brilliance of the electoral college has been used from the very beginning of this Client Nation.
6. State legislatures are composed of representatives that live in the districts of the individual states. The Founders wanted “the people” to be in charge of who ruled them.
7. Each state has a governor, a lieutenant governor, a secretary of state, judges, and a supreme court. These offices are designed to take care of the issues within each independent state.
8. However, when it comes to national elections, the power is taken away from these individuals and granted to the people in the form of a state senate and house of representatives referred to collectively as the Legislature.
9. That body, and that body alone, has the power to determine who it will send to Washington to vote for the President and Vice-President of the United States.
10. For over a month, unqualified state officials, mentioned in point 7 above, have passed judgment on whether their state’s election results require further scrutiny about its final totals or not. None of them have the authority to do so.
11. The state legislators, and them alone, determine who they will send to Washington. Their number is equal to the number of people that make up the state’s representation in Congress: two senators and an x-number of representatives.
12. These individuals are referred to in the Constitution as Electors. When functioning as a group for the specific purpose of voting for President and Vice-President, they are collectively referred to as the “electoral college.”
13. The noun, “college,” has multiple definitions. With regard to those who vote for president and vice-president, it is defined as, “A body of persons having a common purpose or shared duties: an electoral college.”<sup>1</sup>
14. The Constitution’s text regarding electors is found in Article II, Section 1.

## **E. The Times of the Gentiles**

1. Jesus Christ warns the Jews in Luke 21:20–24 that Judea is about to be removed as a Client Nation. This prophecy by the Lord was fulfilled in August A.D. 70 by the Roman army commanded by Titus.

**Luke 21:20** “When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that her desolation of the fifth cycle is near.

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<sup>1</sup> *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th ed. (2016), s.v. “college.”

**Luke 21:21** “Then let them who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let them who are in the middle of the city to get out, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;

**v. 22** for these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled [ **prophesied in Leviticus 26:27–31; Deuteronomy 28:49–68** ].

**v. 23** “Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;

**v. 24** and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles is fulfilled.” (NASB)

2. The Pivot knew from their doctrinal inventory that Judea would be destroyed but that they would be delivered. Tragically, those without doctrine are part of the spinoff who had not made the spiritual advance. They are among the heathen, hoi polloi, and the arrogant who are the usual casualties of a fifth cycle.
3. From that point on, there will be no more Jewish client nations until the Second Advent of Christ. Until the Rapture of the church, only Gentiles will populate Client Nations.
4. From A.D. 70 forward, Gentile Client Nations will possess mature believers for their Pivots, missionary outreach to other nations, evangelism inside them, and a ready haven of refuge for the Jewish Diaspora.
5. When the Rapture occurs, there will be no members of the Pivot left behind, no believers, and no Client Nation. This circumstance is by angels, the presence of Moses and Elijah, and the presence of 144,000 Jews who will evangelize the remaining population.
6. From August of A.D. 70 until the Rapture, Scripture designates this period as the “times of the Gentiles is fulfilled” (Luke 21:24).
7. Paul refers to this as the “fullness of the Gentiles” in:

**Romans 11:25** For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery—so that you stop being wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

8. The phrase, the “fullness of the Gentiles,” is the Greek noun, **πλήρωμα** (*plērōma*): “the total inventory,” and the noun, **ἔθνος** (*éthnos*): “non-Jewish people.”
9. Therefore, between A.D. 70 and the Rapture there will continue to be a Gentile population among which are believers, all of whom will be removed from the earth and this universe in two battalions: **(1)** those who are “the dead in Christ” and **(2)** “those who are alive and remain.”

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**v. 17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

10. Scripture does not give a precise prophecy as to when the Rapture will occur. We do know when the Church Age began, this is indicated in Acts 2. However, the terminus, referred to by the noun “rapture,” is not specifically cited.
11. But Romans 11:25 does give us a clue, but the day and the hour no one knows except God Himself. That phrase is, “the fullness of the Gentiles.” There is a certain point, on a certain date, that God had decreed is the last person that places his faith in Christ that results in the “fullness of the Gentiles,” thus initiating the Rapture.
12. No one knows the day or the hour, therefore, the Rapture’s occurrence must be regarded as imminent. It is interesting to note in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 that Paul assumed it would occur in his lifetime, “Then we who are alive and remain” (v. 17).

## F. Conclusion

1. According to our Lord, no one has the power to produce and maintain peace on earth. He made this fact clear in:

**Matthew 24:6** “You will be sure to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but the end is not yet.

**v. 7** “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

**(End RECK-20.18. See RECK-20.19 for continuation of study on p. 181.)**

2. The Israelites failed in their duties to maintain Client Nation status on five occasions and, prior to 1776, the Goyim have done so repeatedly since A.D. 70 by their failures to remain positive to the Word of God and the application of its doctrines. Hosea provides a summary of these collective failures which were caused by shrinking Pivots:

**Hosea 4:1** Listen to the word of the Lord, O sons of Israel, for the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land, because there is not faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the Client Nation.

**v. 2** There is perjury, deception, homicide, stealing and rape. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed [ **mob violence** ].

**v. 3** Therefore the Client Nation mourns, and everyone who lives in it languishes along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky, and also the fish of the sea disappear.

**v. 4** Yet let no one find fault, and let none offer reproof; for you people are like those who try to destroy the authority of the priest.

**v. 5** So you [ **the Northern Kingdom** ] will stumble by day, and the prophet also will stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your motherland [ **Client Nation** ].

**v. 6** My Client Nation is destroyed because of lack of doctrine. Because they have rejected the duty of learning doctrine, I will reject you from being a Client Nation. Since you have rejected your God, I will reject you.

3. The only thing that enables a Client nation to survive is for its population to include a Pivot of mature believers dedicated to the mandate to “grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Petr 3:18a).
4. Pivot power only includes those believers who have advanced to the Sophisticated Spiritual Life: (1) Personal Love for God and Unconditional Love for Mankind, (2) Sharing the Happiness of God or the Copacetic Spiritual Life, and (3) Occupation with Christ.
5. When this system of Invisible Pivot Power shrinks to a certain point, then the Client Nation suffers the horrors of the Cycles of Discipline.

## The Doctrine of the Five Cycles of Discipline

### A. Introduction

1. The dispensation of Israel began with the Exodus from Egypt in 1441 B.C. and concluded with the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. There were five Jewish Client Nations which we have observed in our study of the Doctrine of the Pivot in lesson 35 of *A Reckoning*.
2. Also included in that lesson was a brief review of Gentile Client Nations beginning with Rome in A.D. 70 and its journeys westward to present-day Client-Nation United States.<sup>1</sup>
3. Presently the United States is at a crossroads regarding this issue. For a century, beginning with John Dewey's "Laboratory Schools" in the 1920s and beyond, academia has been propagandizing students, from the first grade forward, with the cosmic ideas of socialism followed by globalism, and now into communism.
3. We have studied in detail how Antonio Gramsci's "Rules for Radicals" were developed in an Italian prison following the communist overthrow of the Romanov dynasty in March 1917. Following the Russian takeover of the country, Gramsci observed that although the revolution had been successful, the conquered population did not willingly adjust to the new rulership.
4. The term "top down, bottom up" emerged as a description of the strategies applied to topple the nation, however the Russian people quickly realized the resultant tyranny was not to their liking.
5. Gramsci surmised that the revolution did not think through its vicious, bloody takeover of the Russian people. The reason was the failure of the Soviets to realize that subservience is not willingly adopted overnight.
6. Realizing this, Gramsci began to write his analysis. From his ideas emerged a strategy that was adopted by John Dewey. If top down failed to win over the people of Russia, then that portion of the population should be ignored.
7. Instead of the bloodbath associated with the "top down" strategy, Gramsci advocated the opposite idea of "bottom up." This tactic recommended that the most effective way to take over a nation was to forget the adults and concentrate exclusively on the children.
8. In the early 1930s, a group of Germans picked up on Gramsci's writings and formed the Frankfurt Institute of Social Research in Germany which promoted the "bottom up" strategy.

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<sup>1</sup> A synopsis of these Client Nations is found in the books, *Gospel's Missionary Journey* and *Whirlwind: Four-Generation Curse*. You may request copies by writing to: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 1821 S RIVER RD, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303-4124.

