

Babel vs Disciple Nations

Gen 11⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves"

Mat 28¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

* **Goal:** Broadening and applying Babel in Gn 11.

– Last week: Four things we need to recognize:

- 1) The real issue is always the same: God or autonomy.
- 2) Autonomy is slavery posing as freedom.
- 3) The Bible condemns all autonomy, totalitarian or anarchistic.
- 4) The Bible condemns all totalitarianism, no matter the form.

* **This week:** Three more things we need to recognize:

1) The _____ nature of totalitarianism.

– Ancient totalitarianism

– Babel (Gn11.4)

– Empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome (Dn2.25 – 4.36)

– Modern totalitarianism

– Friedrich Hegel, foundational to all modern totalitarians:

"The state is the Divine Idea as it exists on earth ... We must therefore worship the State as the manifestation of the Divine on earth" (Elements of the Philosophy of Right, 1820).

– Antonio Gramsci, father of cultural Marxism:

"Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity. ... In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches and the media by transforming the consciousness of society."

– Vladimir Lenin, father of Russia's communist revolution:

"We demand that religion be held a private affair so far as the state is concerned. But by no means can we consider religion a private affair so far as our Party is concerned" (Socialism and Religion, 1905).

– Faith features:

1) _____

2) _____

Lenin: "[History is the] revolutionary struggle ... for the creation of a paradise on earth" ("Socialism and Freedom")

3) _____

4) _____

2) God sent his Son and Kingdom into the world to, among other things, overcome all forms of what?

Dan 2⁴⁴ "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; ... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." ... 7¹³ "[B]ehold, One like the Son of Man ... He came to the Ancient of Days ... ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away"

3) A biblical vision for _____ nations.

– Key elements: Four things.

1) A proper relationship with _____ is foundational.

Mt 22³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Prov 8³⁶ “He who sins against Me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate Me love death.”

“The chief characteristic of the mass man is ... his isolation and lack of normal social relationships. ... Totalitarian government ... could not exist without ... isolating men ... [T]otalitarian domination ... bases itself on loneliness.” (Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*).

“Where will it end? ... In each man’s absolute freedom from every family and social authority, a freedom the price of which is complete submission to the state. In the complete equality ... of all citizens, paid for by their equal abasement before the power of their absolute master—the state. ... [I]n the rupture of every private tie linking man and man, whose only bond is now their common bondage to the state.” (Bertrand De Jouvenel, *On Power: The Natural History of Its Growth*)

2) All human authority is limited and subordinate to the _____ of God.

Exo 18²¹ [Y]ou shall select ... able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness ... to be rulers

Deu 17¹⁵ [Y]ou shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses ...¹⁶ [H]e shall not multiply horses for himself ...¹⁷ Neither shall he multiply wives for himself ... nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.¹⁸ [H]e shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book ...¹⁹ And ... he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law ...²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside ... to the right hand or to the left”

Lev 19¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.”

3) There is no _____ until we are on the other side of Christ’s 2nd Advent and the resurrection of life.

1Cor 15²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father ...²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.²⁶ The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. ...²⁸ Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

Rm 8¹¹ [I]f the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. ...²¹ [T]he creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

4) The good life is not characterized by _____ or equality of outcomes, nor in assigning evil to private property, wealth, profit, competition, or division of labor.

Deut 8¹³ when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied ...¹⁸ you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers

Micah 4⁴ But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid

Zech 3¹⁰ “In that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “Everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.”

Eze 16¹³ [Y]ou were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty.¹⁴ Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you,” says the Lord GOD.