Matthew 28.18-20; Ezekiel 16.13-14 — Genesis Series 34

Babel vs Disciple Nations 3

Mat 28 ¹⁸ 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."

Eze 16 ¹³ "[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.

* What is a disciple nation?

1) A disciple nation is a ______ for God and his salvation.

Isa 45 ²¹ "[T]here is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. ²² Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. ²⁴ He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength.'" To Him men shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him.

Phil 2 ⁹ God ... has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ..., ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Titus 2 ⁹ Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may <u>adorn</u> the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Jn 13 ³⁴ "As I have loved you, ... you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples"

Deut 4 ⁶ "[B]e careful to observe [My statutes and judgments]; for this is your wisdom [skill, artistry] and your understanding [inscription, as in stone] in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this nation is a wise and understanding people.'"

1Kings 10 ⁴ When the queen of Sheba perceived all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁵ the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, and his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. ⁶ And she said to the king ... ⁹ "Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."

- How would God's laws for Israel have any application for us?

NT application of OT laws:

Heb 13 ¹⁵ [B]y [Christ] let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (cf. Phil 4.18)

1Cor 9 °For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain" (Dt 25.4). Is it oxen God is concerned about? ¹⁰ Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. ... ¹⁴ Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel. (cf. 1Tm 5.17-18)

* A big part of being a witness as a nation is to be _____ culturally, societally, and governmentally according to God's principles, so that God's splendor rests upon you as a nation, which gives you the authentication you need for the testimony you provide.