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THE CLIENT NATIONS

During the Church Age any gentile nation can serve as a client nation by practicing the following principles.

- Protection of human life and freedom
- Protection of privacy, freedom and property
- Allow evangelism and Bible teaching
- Serve as a base for missionary activity to other nations
- Afford a haven of toleration for the dispersed Jews

The client nation of the Church Age is significantly different from the Age of Israel. God entrusts the Christians with the preservation and communication of the written canon of Scripture. He blesses and protects the gentile nations as long as the nations uphold its client responsibilities.

Israel is the only nation on earth in which God has sworn an eternal covenant. He will honor his unconditional covenants at the 2nd Coming of Christ (Romans 11:25-29). Israel is now under divine discipline throughout the Church Age and restricted from client nation functions.

These are the times of the gentiles (Luke 21; 24), which will continue until Christ Second Coming. Today, God extends client nation privileges to non-Jewish nations. The Lord Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul mandate the believers to uphold civic duty under the Roman Empire (Luke 20:21-25, Romans 13:1-7).

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God deals with the client nation in keeping with the spiritual condition of its believers. Basically, the protection and judicial provision it grants to the Christians. Logistical grace blessings and blessings of spiritual maturity to advancing Christians overflow the nation. Divine discipline of carnal and unspiritual believers affects the nation as well. This explains the nation's historical rise or fall. The book of Psalms has a lot to say concerning about this:

O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establishes the righteous;
For the righteous God tries the hearts and minds.
My shield is with God,
Who saves the upright in heart.
God is a righteous judge,
And a God who has righteous anger every day.
If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword;
He has bent His bow and made it ready. Psalm (7:9-12)

For a nation to enjoy divine blessing must maintain a strong circle of mature and advancing believers. The spiritual impact of these saints gives the nation its vigor and life. Weak and passive nucleus of Christians will result to the fall of the nation.

The client nation is God's principal missionary agency during the Church Age. Every believer contributes to the spiritual impact to his nation, and has a solid responsibility to evangelize those in his periphery (Acts 1:8). He is also responsible to support both the local and foreign evangelization, and the accurate Bible doctrine teaching. Such support may include prayer, service, financial contribution or some other form of and encouragement. The continuation of solid doctrinal teaching depends on believer's responsibility to support such ministry from positive volition and understanding of God's Word.