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NATIONAL ENTITY

National Entity is God's provision of protection from self-destruction of one-world estate [Genesis 10:5, 11:9]. The national entity is the fourth divine institution established by God, who scattered mankind to limit the expression of human arrogance and impede the spread of evil [Genesis 11:8].

Government in whatever form, exist to prevent the world from degeneration and chaos. God sanctions nations to restrain man's old sinful nature to give support to satanic tyranny, which Satan seeks to perpetrate on human race. God sanction government to restrain evil, which man may commit without limitation

God designed interior protection for the nation through the institution of divine establishment. Government is designed to secure and protect individual volition, safeguard privacy and property, and to maintain internal tranquility through law enforcement and peace within nation [1 Peter 2:13-14]. This is protection through civil liberty.

God designed citizens of a nation must be obey their rulers regardless of principles, creed, and political party. This great mandate includes every individual (both believers and unbelievers).

WARS AND RUMOR OF WARS

War is the act of force, usually on behalf of the state, intended to compel a declared enemy to obey the will of the other. The aim is to render the opponent incapable of further resistance by destroying its capability and will to bear arms in pursuit of its own aims. War is therefore a continuation of politics carried on with violent and destructive means, as an instrument of policy.

In the wars of the late 20th century, 90% of casualties have been civilian (in World War II, the figure was 50%; compared to 5% civilian casualties of World War I). According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), there were fewer wars in 1995 than at any time since the end of the Cold War in 1989. All 30 of the wars in 1995 were civil wars fought within nations, apparently signaling a further shift from the pattern of inter-state wars which had characterized the modern era. More of these internal conflicts were fought over territory than over government control. Global military spending in 1997 was 800 billion dollars.

The estimated figure for loss of life in wars in the Third World since 1945 is 17 million. War is generally divided into **strategy**, the planning and conduct of a war, and **tactics**, the deployment of forces in battle.

There are two general types of war as classified by SIPRI: the low-intensity conflict and the major-armed conflict.

There are three types of low-intensity conflict:

GUERRILLA WAR is the waging of low-level conflict by irregular forces against an occupying army or against the rear of an enemy force. Some examples include Chairman Mao Zedong's campaign against the Nationalist Chinese and T.E. Lawrence's Arab revolt against the Turks.

CIVIL WAR is the waging of war by opposing parties or members of different regions, within a state. The American Civil War (1861-65), the English Civil War of the 17th century, and the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) are notable examples.

LIMITED WAR is the concept that a war may be limited in both geographical extent and levels of force exerted and with the aim to stop short of achieving the destruction of the enemy. The Korean War (1950-53) falls within this category.

The term Low-intensity conflict is now applied to US for its intervention in the Third World beginning 1980, ranging from drug-running to funding and training guerillas, and fought with political, economic, and cultural weapons as well as by military means. Low-intensity conflicts are political manipulations of USA with violence to keep its dominance in the world.

Major armed conflict refers to war that which kills more than 5000 people a year. The conflict in Chechnya was by far the worst in 1995, when an estimated 40,000 people were killed.

There are two types of Major armed conflict:

TOTAL WAR is the waging against both combatants and noncombatants, taking the view that no distinction should be made between them. The Spanish Civil War marked the beginning of this type of warfare, in which bombing from the air included both civilians and military targets.

ABSOLUTE WAR is the view that there should be no limitations, such as law, compassion, or prudence, in the application of force, the sole aim being to achieve the complete annihilation of one's opponent. Such a concept contradicts the notion, formulated by Clausewitz of war as an instrument of political dialogue since it implies that no dialogue is actually intended. It has been claimed that no nuclear warfare would assume such proportions and would be in accordance with the doctrine of mutually assured destruction.

The American war against Iraq (2003) is a total war because bombs were projected against civilian and military targets. There were low casualties because of adequate strong underground air-raid shelters. The modern total war is characterized by swift and non-stop bombing by the attacking forces.

The Old Testament Israel had to take possession of the Promised Land by armed conquest. They had to engage in a long and bloody war before the Canaanite tribes were finally subdued. Israel was employed by God to sweep them away from the face of the earth. The mandates and laws given to ancient Israel were not meant to be applied to later times. The passages related to waging of war that applied exclusively to Israel cannot be used in our situation.

THE INEVITABILITY OF WAR

Despite man's effort for peace, warfare will continue until the millennial kingdom (Isaiah 2:4, Matthew 24:6). Never in the human history has been a time when warfare has not been raging in some corner of the world. The root causes of these armed conflicts are the old sinful nature, the human volition and craftiness of Satan in the angelic conflict. Angelic conflict is the duration beginning from satanic rebellion against God until his condemnation to the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:21). The duration of the entire human history is the period given to Satan to carry out his devious schemes against every member of the human race. A war free world is not possible because of the following factors:

- 1) The presence of the old sinful nature in every man carrying out the cycle of good and evil all throughout the human history. Political, military, and economic power is dangerous weapons in the hands of people controlled by old sin nature.
- 2) The human volition inspired by arrogance seeking dominance and superiority. The human ego will always seek its exaltation or glorification and will take advantage of every opportunity, even when it means destruction of lives and properties.
- 3) The presence of Satan and his demons in the world that creates turmoil and instability among men by inspiring political and military superiority. Satan is not a creator but a destroyer.
- 4) Under certain political and military circumstances, warfare is absolutely necessary for maintaining the national sovereignty of a nation under attack by nation/s seeking the destruction of their freedom.

Until the Second Coming of Christ warfare is absolutely inevitable among men and among nations (Eccl. 3:8). Nations that lose war lose their freedom. The right for national defense is sanctioned by God since no leader today carries divine authority to wage war against another nation in the name of peace or freedom.

The very organization founded to prevent war among nations is the very organization that triggered major armed-conflict in 16 nations since 1950. The United Nations is being used by the most powerful nation to protect their own interests and preserve their dominion in the world. America is not after world peace or freedom but after its dominion. The campaign for political and military supremacy will always lead to war. Consider the ambition of Alexander the Great, the Roman SPQR, the Nazis, the Japanese Emperor Hirohito and now the United States of America.

No nation has the right to attack another nation and destroy their national sovereignty and freedom. National autonomy and well-being inevitably depend on a superior army. Only the armed forces of a nation can protect freedom from attacking armed forces of another nation. A nation perpetuates freedom when its military succeeds but risks enslavement when its military fails. A strong military armed forces establish a buffer against conflict. A nation cannot survive from armed conflict without strong armed forces.

Warfare is cruel and brutal but it is the means for preserving freedom and peace. While armed forces of the defending nation protect its sovereignty and freedom the armed forces of the aggressor is trying to destroy the same sovereignty and freedom. Violence is justified as the sole deterrent against violent aggression.

War is politics employing violence, used and manipulated by world leaders to carry out their egotistical interest and goals in the cosmic system. It a stage to parade their power, superiority and it serves as an arena to bully their challengers. War is dirty because it is politics manifesting the arrogance of men.

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF WAR

War is divine judgment and divine discipline from God because of the widespread rejection of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the unbelievers and rejection of Bible doctrine by the believers. War is designed to execute the judgment by pain, judgment by death, and the destruction of a nation by finesse. Satan uses war to destroy and to render the believers idle and useless for God. War is a divine discipline for the carnal believers, undeserved suffering for blessing for the mature believers.

War is a reminder for believers to set their priority, to aim at their goal of the Christian life (that is spiritual maturity) and to focus on Christ and on Bible doctrine. It is a reminder for every member of the human race about the frailty and shortness of life on earth. War is a red light that stops the progress of spiritual degeneration of a nation; it checks our spiritual passiveness, laziness and inconsistency. It brings us back to reality and truth of God's sovereignty and authority.

War is harsh, cruel and costly but it is very effective in making believers realize the importance of living inside the will, plan and purpose of God. War is divine discipline that executes the fourth and fifth cycle of divine discipline

Spiritual decline foreshadow military disaster from the hands of attacking forces. Apostasy in the souls of believers progressively feeble military forces are subsequently threaten the freedom of a nation. Abandonment of God's truth eroded the spiritual life of the Israelites in every generation leading to their repeated enslavement by other nations.

5 CYCLES OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE

When ancient Israel was saturated with apostasy and reversionism, God warned her through the increasing intensity of five cycles of divine discipline. The following are the description of the five phases or cycles of national divine discipline executed against any nation that rejects the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Bible doctrine. The execution of the five cycles of discipline is progressive as the nation increasingly rejects the Word of God.

One. Loss of health and widespread epidemic without any medical remedy, decline of agricultural prosperity, terror and fear in battle grabs the souls of the people. Young men refuse to serve in the armed forces for fear of death and loss of personal sense of freedom due to negative volition toward genuine Bible doctrine (Leviticus 26:14-17).

Two. Nationwide economic recession and depression, there is an ever – increasing individual discipline for continued negative volition in spite of the first series of divine warnings (Leviticus 26:14-16).

Three. There is a widespread violence, breakdown of law and order in every sector. There is also some kind of restriction to travel and commerce (Leviticus 26:21-22).

Four. Military conquest and occupation of foreigners, scarcity of food, nationwide famine, separation of families, loss of lives and properties.

Five. Loss of national sovereignty and total destruction of a nation by military defeat (Leviticus 26:27-29).

War carries out the divine judgment for the unbelievers:

JUDGMENT BY PAIN is God's expression of grace to the unbeliever leading to evangelism. God allows severe physical pains so that they will call upon the Lord. This type of pain is executed in times of peace or war upon unbelievers who would never bother about normal Gospel presentation (2 Peter 3:9)

JUDGMENT BY DEATH is executed to unbelievers after repeated judgment by pain fails to bring him to faith in Christ. Judgment by death is executed only after the unbeliever has hardened through his negative volition as a means of protecting the human race from evil elements of the society. The evils of cosmic influence must be restrained after a long period of grace. God removes the cancer from the society in order to preserve believers and perpetuate mankind. Some notable examples are the Pharaoh Amenhotep II (Exodus 8:32), the Herods, Nero and Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab.

JUDGMENT BY FINESSE is God's strategy to destroy evil by using evil. Jesus Christ controls the human history despite the fact that Satan rules the world and He uses the devil's advocate to destroy the other evil.

War is the product of old sin nature, ignited by the arrogance of the human volition, supported by the devil and his demons, but is used by God to remove those who reject the Gospel and Bible doctrine of Christ. War involves two opposing parties with spiritual problems striving for supremacy in the world. Men will always wage war against each other as long as they possess old sin nature.

The Scripture does not condone the practices of any tyrant, but neither does the oppressive governance negate the principle of obedience to authority. Regardless of the nature and character of the leader, his office represents the divinely delegated authority of the nation –His office should always be respected.

All rebellion against the governing authority is regarded as evil; such action is unacceptable to God. All type of assignation plots against governing leaders falls under the condemnation of God, because all authority comes from God [Romans 13:1-6].

Rebellion or revolution is the deposing of the existing government and therefore the destruction of divinely established institution. The intent to overthrow one's government through plots, intrigue, and force of arms, military takeover, or sabotage is always contrary to divine will and purpose.

The only justified revolution is the war for independence like the Philippine revolution during the Spanish colonial government. The so-called EDSA revolutions are nothing but political power struggle supported by organized religion to bring down elected leaders.

The separation of church and estate is designed to protect and maintain the human freedom instituted by God. The right for freedom is compromise through ignorance.

THE INEVITABILITY OF WAR

The right of self-defense is God's given prerogative of a nation. No nation will win the war without military forces, trained and well discipline to fight. No effort for worldwide peace will work until the Millennium [Matthew 24:6, Mark 13:7, Luke 21:9. There was never a time in human history when the world was free from war. There was never a time when war has not been raging in some corner of the world [Matthew 24:6-7, Ecclesiastes 3:8].

The United Nations reported the following statistics related to world peace:

- 53-Major armed conflict between 1990 and 1995
- 68 Major armed conflict between 1995 and 2000
- 21 Ongoing minor armed conflict 18 Suspended armed conflict as of February 2000

God may use evil nations or evil rebel groups to administer divine discipline [Hosea 4:6]. Only the grace of God can deliver this nation from its current predicament. We do not need more US surplus war equipments and weapons but more trained and discipline soldiers. But far from that, we do not need more believers –we need enough spiritually mature believers.

War is possible for several reasons:

National corruption [Hosea 4:1-3] that is violation of divine establishment- as judgment for rejection of the bible doctrine by believers and rejection of the Gospel by the unbelievers Spiritual decline foreshadow military disaster [Judges 5:8, Isaiah 3:25-26, 2 Chronicles 16:9].

Rejection of Bible doctrine-the lose of national entity through military invasion and captivity. The Book of Numbers provided us effective preparation against the possibility of war: The ability to mobilize and plan for military forces [Numbers 1-4, 10, 13] Who will serve?

- Adult men not boys [1:2-3]
- Not newly married [Deut. 20:5-8]
- Not coward [32:23]
- Believers [Psalm 46:6-8, 22-23]

Constant readiness –progressive and continuous military and preparation of young soldiers [Nehemiah 4:13, Proverbs 20:18]

- Strategic knowledge [21:1-32]
- Continuous alert system [10:7-8]
- Continuous intelligence [13:1-21]
- Debriefing [13:26-33]
- Rules of war [31:11-54]
- Rules for dividing plunder [31:11-]

Civilian preparation [Nehemiah 4:14] A united civilian populace that supports a common national objective is difficult to destroy even weaponless. Strong reserved forces of skill and trained officers –ready for duty at any given time.

No institution can prevent war between nations or within a nation. The United Nation is handicapped to prevent any type of war. The very agency designed to prevent war was used by USA to start war against several nations –all in the name of world peace.

There is time for peace and there is time for war –and we live in dispensation when the absent of war is not possible. Satan will pretend to eradicate war without success.

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Peace is the ideal environment for freedom. Freedom is exemption from arbitrary, external control, the function of free will un-coerced by threat or violence.

Bible doctrine in the soul of believers is the foundation for freedom [John 8:32]. The pursuit of biblical truth always promotes personal and national freedom – maintaining that freedom demands a strong national defense. A military establishment trained, motivated and supported to defend national freedom and interests.

The blessing in time of the mature believers includes the blessing of civil liberty, but only armies can protect freedom from armies that seek to destroy freedom. If a nation wishes to perpetuate and not to violate the precious privileges and blessings of independence and freedom, then war is inevitable.

Every generation must face the crucible of war, for freedom is not free from nations or rebel groups that wield military force to enslave and to vanquish other nation or their own nation.

Freedom is bought and paid for by the blood of men and women who set a higher on their liberty than on life itself. If one generation is not prepared mentally and spiritually to defend such values, and if the majority of citizens reject the principle of freedom through military victory, then freedom languishes.

War originated from human old sinful nature, namely greed for power, wealth and dominion. The first war recorded in the Bible is in Genesis 14:2 and the last war will be in the Second Advent of Christ [Revelation 19:11,19]. All throughout the human history, war is ever present except in the Millennial kingdom –but where war will occur at its end.

The Lord is a Warrior (The Lord is a Man of war –KJV) refers to the perfect sovereignty of Christ who controls human history for the benefits of the believers [Exodus 15:3].

The believer's duties to the state are compatible with his duties to God –because both realms are to be coordinated but never combined. The primary responsibility of the believer is to God, yet the believer also has a responsibility to the state. The merging of civic and military responsibility is expressed in Matthew 22:21b.

Killing the enemies of war is not violating the Word of God [Exodus 20:13] but obeying the command of God to defeat them and destroy them [Deuteronomy 7:2a].

The Christian soldiers are encouraged by the Word of God to demonstrate the grace of God by serving the state with courage and discipline [Psalm 46:6-7, 55:22-23, 140:1-2]. Only Christian soldiers have the capacity and ability to manifest the power and grace of God during the intense encounter [Deut. 20:1-4, 31:6-8].

Soldiers were recognized as some of the heroes of the faith (Hebrews 11:32), but Jesus clearly explained that the cause of God was not to be advanced through the use of physical force (John 18:36) and He rebuked Peter for violently defending Him at His arrest (Matthew 26:52-54). The epistles use military terms and metaphors to describe the Christian life, and the believer is called a soldier who must struggle against evil with spiritual weapons that are analogous to those used by the Roman army (2 Tim. 2:3; 1 Pet. 2:11; Eph. 6:10-20).

NATIONAL DEGENERATION

DEGENERATION is the process of spiritual deterioration of a nation, which leads to the loss of national identity. God use armed conflicts to execute the highest degree of divine discipline to a nation, which continually reject His plan, purpose and will.

THE 5 CYCLES OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE:

First: National spread of diseases and big percentage of the population are in decaying health status. There is a brisk decline in agricultural prosperity. There is terror and fear everywhere –the government is disabled to control the raising criminality. There is steady death in combat, and loss of personal freedom.

Second: There is a repeated economic recession and depression. The market is falsely stabilizes by the government. There is an increasing personal and national discipline because of continuous negative volition.

Third: There is a widespread violence and breakdown of law and order. There is disorder everywhere starting from the high-ranking government officials to the poorest of the poor. There is also a chain of national disasters. The nation as a whole is very insecure.

The insecure husbands will result to insecure wives. Insecure parents results to insecure children. Insecure children produce an insecure generation. Insecure generation will demands security from insecure government. Insecure officials will offer entitlements to insecure people.

Insecure generation becomes arrogant people who are divorced from divine establishment and divine institutions.

Insecure generation becomes slaves to false theories and human viewpoints. They resolve to breaking the family system and trying to replace it with something else of which they are not sure what.

They resolve to break the government system and trying to replace it with their unrealistic ideologies. An insecure person dwells in unreality, false hope, and false solutions to human problems. They are often disillusioned and without spiritual integrity.

Fourth: The fourth cycle of discipline comprises of military conquest or aggression of foreign or local or both working for the overthrow of the government. There is widespread famine, separation of families, poverty and political dissolution.

Fifth: The fifth cycle of discipline comprises of the destruction of a nation due to maximum rejection of Biblical and established principles [study: Deuteronomy 28:15-48, Hosea 1:2-3:5, and Leviticus 26:14-39]. Some factors that contribute for the degeneration of a nation:

- Globalization. God is the author of nationalism [Genesis 10:5, 11:4] not of inter-nationalism.
- Revolution within. All forms of military and political faction that causes unrest.
- National corruption in every level. It is a sign of spiritual collapse and immorality.
- Disabled function of the Royal Ambassadors. The carnality of the Church Age believers and their lack of impact.
- The merging of the church and state –the destruction of freedom.
- The lack of military preparation for war.