

**A Nation in Peril (#9)**  
**[Client Nations]**

In this lesson, we will distinguish between a 'general' nation, a 'priest' nation and the 'client' nation in the Word of God.

The English word client is derived from the Latin word, clienta. Its usage became prominent during the period of the Roman Empire.

“By the late Roman Republic, influential Roman senators might have entire foreign cities or states as clients, and occasionally the Roman Senate would refer decisions involving them to the patroni. Some scholars argue that Rome regarded itself as the patronus of the ‘client’ states to it, but this remains controversial.” (Wikipedia and Badin)

We have incorporated this concept into our study to distinguish certain Gentile nations used by God throughout biblical history.

**This lesson will study FOUR aspects of the function of Gentile ‘Client Nations’ in the Plan of God.**

**This is important because America, as a client nation in the Plan of God is in peril today.**

**1. We have studied the concept of nations in general and have studied the origin of the Post-Diluvian nations spoken of in (Gen.10:1-11:9, Deut.32:8 and Acts 17:26)**

Vine's explains how the Hebrew word (goy) is used for a nation. "Goy represents a group of individuals who are considered as a unit with respect to origin, language, land, jurisprudence, and government."  
(Vine's Expository dictionary of Biblical Words, pg.904)

"Israel also came into **Egypt**; thus Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham." (Ps.105:23; Gen.10:6, 13-14)  
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(Ps.113:4) "The Lord is high above all nations' His glory is above the heavens."  
(Ps.82:8) "Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations."  
(Job 12:23) "He makes the nations great, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away." (Ps.66:7; Deut.7:1-4)

**2. The Priest-nation of Israel stands alone among all Postdiluvian nations. It was both a Priest-nation and a Divine Agency of God (Isa.1:1-4; 5:18-21; 7:28).**

The Priest-nation was foretold to Abraham in the 21<sup>st</sup> century BC and fulfilled by Moses and Joshua in the 15<sup>th</sup> century BC (Gen.12:1-3).

(Ps.105:44-45) "He gave them also the lands of the nations, that they might take possession of the fruit of the people's labor, so that they might keep His statues and observe His laws, Praise the Lord!"

The historical advent of the Priest-nation of Israel divided nations into General and Client categories.

The Priest-nation of Israel went under the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of divine discipline in 586 BC to Babylon and again in 70AD to Rome.

What makes this important in biblical history and in The Plan of God is that Israel was also under the curse of Coniah (Jer.22:24-30).

This combination meant that Israel would be under Gentile rule until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. In fact, a historical title is given to this period, the “Times of the Gentiles”.

(Luke 21:24) “And they will fall by the edge of the word, and will be led captive into all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the **times of the Gentiles** are fulfilled.”

(Acts 2:5) “Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.”  
(1<sup>st</sup> century AD)

### 3. Client nations were established by God for at least four reasons:

- To discipline believers of the divine agency
- To preserve believers
- To protect divine institutions
- To protect their remnant of Jews

**Egypt** was used to preserve Believers like Joseph and the family of Jacob. Under Joseph’s leadership, it became a protector of Divine Institutions and the remnant of believers. Later, Egypt was the instrument of Divine Discipline upon the Israelites for 400 years (Gen.39-Ex.7:13).

Other Gentile nations were used in similar ways with Israelites such as Babylon, Persia, Hellenistic nations, and Rome.

### 4. The Birth of Jesus Christ (5 BC) and the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ took place under the Client nation of Rome (30 AD).

It is interesting that:

- The Magi came from Gentile nations to the Jewish nation to worship the King of the Jews. Yet the Magi and Jesus Christ were both rejected by this same Jewish nation.
  - This was the Priest-nation that had been given the privilege of custodianship of the word of God and evangelism (DA).
- That a Roman ruler of a Gentile Client-nation stationed in Israel desired to release Jesus Christ from crucifixion, but the Israelites desired the Son of God to be crucified (John Ch.18; **Matt.21:33-43**).
- That the Church took the gospel of Jesus Christ **from** Jerusalem to Judea, **from** Judea to Samaria, **from** Samaria to the uttermost parts of the Gentile Roman Empire (Acts 1:8).
  - Then the Church took it **from** the Roman Empire into Kingdom of Franks, **from** the Franks into the German states, **from** the German states into the Dutch Netherlands, **from** Dutch Netherlands into Great Britain and **from** Great Britain into **America** (Church history to date).
- **Do you** see a pattern of God using Gentile Client-nations to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- **Do you** see the mystery of the Church introduced into biblical history?
- **Do you** understand that we live in the Church Age today?
- **Do you** understand that we are in the Last Days of biblical history?
- **Do you** understand that the Church is the custodian of the Word of God and Evangelism?
- **Do you** understand that the church in America is going around for the second time in missionary activity?