

Doctrine of Antisemitism, Part 3

As we continue building the foundation for our study of antisemitism, we will examine the subject of client nations. Client nations play a major role in God's plan to preserve Israel as a people and to fulfill the promises He has made to them, promises that have not yet been delivered but will be in the Kingdom/Millennium.

Client Nations

A client nation is a national entity under God's patronage, entrusted with the responsibility for the formation, preservation, communication, and fulfillment of the canon of Scripture. Furthermore, God uses them to establish safe havens for the Jews of the diaspora. The concept of a client nation appears in several passages in Scripture. Among them are:

Exodus 19:4 "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

Deuteronomy 7:6 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

Deuteronomy 26:18 "And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, ¹⁹ and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised."

Those words were spoken to Israel, the first client nation. Before Israel became a nation, custodianship of the Word of God involved divine revelation apart from Scripture. Since Israel became a nation, it has been involved in the authorship, custodianship, and dissemination of the written Word. Additional custodianship was assigned to Israel during the

formation of the New Testament, since all but Luke among the New Testament writers were Jews. During the period of the New Testament's formation, the client nation changed from Judea to the Roman Empire in AD 70.

There are two categories of client nations to God in human history:

1. The five Jewish client nations of the Old Testament, each with a specialized priesthood.
2. The Gentile client nations during the Church Age, each with a universal priesthood.

No Gentile nation in the Old Testament was a client of God. The Gentile client nation category follows the same pattern as Israel, with significant differences related to the uniqueness of the Church Age, both in the provision of grace and in spiritual life.

A client nation is synonymous with a priest nation. The term "priest nation" describes Israel because it had a specialized priesthood. The term "client nation" refers to any Gentile nation that performs the same functions during the Church Age. In Roman history, a "client" was someone dependent on another family. The Church Age does not have a specialized priesthood. All believers in the Church Age are a holy priesthood.

1 Peter 2:4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, **to be a holy priesthood**, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
(Emphasis added)

Israel was always called a holy nation. The Church is called a holy priesthood because every believer is a priest. God does not want sacrifices and offerings; He wants the sacrifice of a spiritual life.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The idea of an elect race comes from the Greek phrase in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

“New creation” is *kainos ktisis*, which means “a new spiritual species,” referring to the created human spirit. We might translate it this way: “Therefore, if anyone is in union with Christ, he is a new spiritual species; old things have lost their power; behold, new things have come to pass.”

The new things that have come to pass are the indwelling Holy Spirit and the ability to serve God through Him. With that, we also have the ability to fail through our free will.

The royal priesthood is connected to positional sanctification. Believers in Christ, as sons and daughters of God through the new birth and as brothers and sisters of Christ, are members of the royal family of God, and this is the key to Gentile client nations in the Church Age.

A client nation to God is under divine protection because it has a large pivot of mature believers. These mature believers are blessed, and those around them enjoy blessings by association, resulting in historical blessing for their nation.

However, when a significant portion of mature believers die off and/or are not replaced by younger believers at or approaching spiritual maturity, this smaller pivot ceases to have a significant impact on a nation's culture and morals, and the client nation slips into moral degeneracy. (And where do we see that today?) That client nation will then receive discipline from God. If degeneracy continues, the client nation status will be revoked and transferred to another nation.

1. The most important client nation, and the key to all client nations, is found in the history of Israel as a priest nation. God directs and controls historical activity, but a client nation is responsible for five things.
2. It must evangelize its own population at home.
3. It must communicate Bible doctrine to the nation's believers so they can advance to spiritual maturity.
4. It is responsible for the custodianship of Bible doctrine.

5. It provides a safe haven for the Jews, especially during the diaspora.
6. It is responsible for sending out missionaries to evangelize other nations.

There were five Jewish client nations in the Old Testament.

1. The theocratic kingdom, 1441-1020 BC, spanned from the Exodus to the prophet Samuel. It ended when the Jews said, "We want to be like other nations," meaning they wanted a human king.
2. The United Kingdom, from Saul to Rehoboam, 1020-926 BC.
3. The Northern Kingdom, from Jeroboam to Hoshea, 926-721 BC. In 721 BC, the fifth cycle of discipline was administered by the Assyrians under Sargon II.
4. The Southern Kingdom, from Rehoboam to Zedekiah, 926-586 BC. The fifth cycle of discipline was administered by the Chaldeans under Nebuchadnezzar.
 - After the Northern and Southern Kingdoms were destroyed, no Jewish client nation was operational. Jews outside the client nation filled the gap by engaging with Gentile nations, as they had done before. No Gentile client nation exists in the Old Testament; only Jewish client nations.
 - Then Judah became a client nation again from 516 BC until AD 70.
 - Chaldea and the Persian Empire were not client nations between 586 and 516 BC.
5. In 458 BC, the fifth Jewish client nation was established with the return of Ezra, and he led a great revival.
 - In 445 BC, Nehemiah returned with a group of people to rebuild the walls and organize the military to defend this client nation.

There were periods of apostasy in Israel in the Old Testament. Apostasy in a client nation is always a cancer. If it grows long enough, that client nation dies under discipline. In every case of apostasy in a Jewish client nation, both the clergy and the politicians of Israel are indicted along with the people.

Jeremiah 6:13 "For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals

falsely. ¹⁴ They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace.'”

Ezekiel 13:10 Precisely because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace,' when there is no peace, and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash, ¹¹ say to those who smear it with whitewash that it shall fall! There will be a deluge of rain, and you, O great hailstones, will fall, and a stormy wind will break out. ¹² And when the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the coating with which you smeared it?' ¹³ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I will make a stormy wind break out in my wrath, and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to make a full end. ¹⁴ And I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you shall perish in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁵ Thus will I spend my wrath upon the wall and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash, and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it, ¹⁶ the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for her, when there was no peace, declares the Lord GOD.

Principles.

Good decisions by national leadership create more options for better decisions. Bad decisions destroy freedom and enslave the nation, so that the client nation status is destroyed from within.

Mankind has always been and always will be the product of its own volition, not of its environment. Because of man's sin nature and total depravity, along with the operation of Satan's cosmic system, people in a client nation will periodically have to make great sacrifices for freedom.

Political solutions are useless without spiritual solutions. What makes political solutions great is the invisible heroism of a pivot of mature believers. Political solutions relate to the power of man; spiritual solutions relate to the power of God. Political solutions are often erroneous and destructive to a nation, whereas spiritual solutions offer hope to a nation and eternal life to its individuals. Political solutions are mortal and prone to corruption; spiritual solutions are eternal and compatible with the soul's immortality. Political solutions grope in the darkness of spiritual death, but

spiritual solutions live in the light of eternity. Political solutions are related to the first birth of mankind and his spiritual death; spiritual solutions are related to regeneration through faith in Christ—the second birth of mankind and his eternal relationship with God. Spiritual solutions never include violence or coercion, but rather a change in the soul through spiritual maturity and the study of Scripture.

People become self-righteous, arrogant, legalistic, and reversionistic (Hosea 4:1-7; 8:7) and are destroyed for lack of spiritual advancement.

Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is **no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land;**
² there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. ³ Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish ... (Emphasis added)

This leads to the destruction of the client nation. Everything depends on your attitude toward what is given to us in Scripture.

Discipline was administered to various Jewish nations, after which they ceased to function as a priestly nation. The Northern Kingdom fell to Assyria in 721 BC. The Southern Kingdom fell to the Chaldean Empire in 586 BC. Judea was conquered by Rome in AD 70. Israel will not be a priest nation again until the Second Advent.

When Israel was being disciplined as a client nation from 586-516 BC, there was no Gentile client nation. The Persian and Chaldean empires were not client nations to God. The remnant, according to the election of grace, went to Gentile client nations as representatives of a non-operational client nation. The same thing happens during the Tribulation—there is no client nation. As in 586-516 BC, during the Tribulation, individual Jews will be used by God to evangelize the world.

When the Roman Empire fell in 476 AD, God had already used the Goths as His client nation in the fourth century. Scotland and Ireland were client nations in the fifth and sixth centuries. The Franks were a client nation in the eighth and ninth centuries, and the Vikings were in the tenth century. Germany under Luther and Switzerland under Calvin were client nations in the sixteenth century. Sweden under Gustavus Adolphus and the

Huguenots were client nations in the seventeenth century. Brandenburg-Prussia under the Hohenzollerns was a client nation in the eighteenth century. England was a client nation during Victoria's reign in the nineteenth century. And the United States of America has been a client nation from 1776 to the present. These are just a few examples.

Jesus Christ, who controls history, knows where positive volition will be in each generation. He ensures that the current client nation goes to that region of the world to carry out missionary activity. This ensures that Gentile nations will continue as client nations until the Rapture.

Ignorance of Bible doctrine destroyed the Jewish client nations, and the same ignorance of doctrine destroys the Gentile client nations.

Ephesians 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God **because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.** ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. (Emphasis added)

The restoration of Israel as a priest nation will occur at the Second Advent and continue throughout the Millennium.

Isaiah 49:5 “And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; **I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**” (Emphasis added)

Israel today and in the Tribulation is not a client nation. There will be a testimony from 144,000 Jews during the Tribulation, exactly as in the seventy years of the Babylonian captivity, but there is no client nation during either period.

The Pivot and the Client Nation.

The “pivot” is the remnant of believers who have reached spiritual maturity through a positive attitude toward Bible doctrine. The size of the pivot determines the outcome of a historical disaster. If the pivot is large, the nation is delivered from historical disaster. If the pivot is small, only the pivot is delivered. The “spinoff” is the reversionistic believers. The larger the spinoff, the greater the disaster and destruction of the nation.

When judgment falls on a nation, the pivot remains secure because of its alignment with the justice of God.

The principle that deliverance depends on the size of the pivot is based on the fact that mature believers are a blessing by association and have historical impact.

While the pivot is secure, the spinoff is destroyed in the disaster.

Therefore, historical disaster separates those adjusted to the justice of God from those who are maladjusted. Since the spinoff is always composed of the maladjusted, they are disciplined by the historical disaster.

The principle of the client nation solves certain problem passages in Scripture.

2 Samuel 8:18 tells us, "And David's sons were priests." David was from the tribe of Judah; therefore, he was not qualified to be a priest. But because Israel was a priest nation, the verse is telling us that all of David's sons were believers and therefore priests, in the sense of:

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and **you shall be to me a kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” (Emphasis added)

Believers are priests in a priest nation. The phrase "My treasured possession" is a synonym for client nation.

Israel is called a Priest Nation during the Millennium.

Isaiah 61:6 but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. ⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

Israel will be restored as God's client nation at the Second Advent. Then it will serve as His representative nation on earth for the entire Millennium. There has never been a permanent Jewish client nation to God until Jesus Christ provides one at the Second Advent.

The Present Role of the USA as a Client Nation

In every generation of U.S. history, the ingredients of a client nation have been present: evangelism, Bible teaching, missionaries, and pro-Semitism. The USA, as a client nation, is reflected in our Constitution's purpose, which limits the federal government's authority. We still have all the ingredients, but things are deteriorating. We have a pivot of mature believers, but the spinoff is large and growing. Bible doctrine is rarely taught accurately, and sound doctrine is being replaced by false teaching such as the prosperity gospel. Revisionism has destroyed many missionaries. Cultural morals and standards are racing to the bottom, with what is clearly anti-biblical being accepted as normal. The only thing we are doing right at the present is providing a haven for the Jews, but that is changing.

And with all believers gone after the Rapture, there will be no client nation; thus, there will be no nation for the Jews to seek refuge. When the Church is taken out of the world at the Rapture, so is the ministry of the Holy Spirit, which provides blessing by association and restrains evil through historical impact (2 Thessalonians 2).

The "Times of the Gentiles" and Client Nations

The "times of the Gentiles" refers to the period from AD 70 until the Rapture, the Tribulation, and the Second Advent, during which only Gentile nations will be client nations to God. In the Tribulation, only individual Jews will be evangelists; there will be no Jewish client nation.

The fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 ended the role of any Jewish nation as a priest nation until the Second Advent of Christ. There will be no Gentile client nation during the Tribulation, since the Church has been taken to heaven before this period of great historical disaster.

Gentile client nations should have a maximum number of mature believers for a pivot, maximum evangelism within their own nation, maximum missionary activity to other nations, and provide a haven for the Jews.

The client nation is characterized as pro-Semitic. No Gentile nation can be a client nation to God without providing a haven for the Jews during the "times of the Gentiles." Antisemitism automatically disqualifies any nation from being a client nation to God.

During the Tribulation, a Jewish nation will exist, but it will not be a client nation. There will be a great evangelistic thrust led by 144,000 Jews, along with the return of Moses and Elijah. However, Israel is not restored as a client nation until the Second Advent.

When the Rapture occurs, there are no believers, so there is no pivot and no client nation. That is why angels, Moses, Elijah, and the 144,000 Jews are used during the tribulation to evangelize the world.

In the meantime, we are in the "times of the Gentiles," which began in AD 70 and will continue until the Second Advent.

The "Fullness of the Gentiles"

Romans 11:25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

The word translated "Gentiles" is the Greek word *ethnos*. This word denotes a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus and refers to the Gentile nations. The "fullness" of the Gentile nations refers to all Gentile client nations from the fall of Israel in AD 70 until the end of the Church Age. The times of the Gentiles extend from AD 70 until the second Advent. The full measure of the Gentiles concerns the fact that there will always be Gentile client nations until the resurrection of the Church. The

difference is the Tribulation, during which there is no Gentile client nation and Israel is not yet restored as a client nation.

Concluding Principles.

Mankind does not have the power to perpetuate or guarantee peace on earth. There will always be wars and rumors of wars until Jesus Christ returns.

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

The Supreme Court of Heaven can punish Israel without any help. Antisemitism is a guarantee of the destruction of a national entity. God does not need any help in His discipline of Israel. Antisemitism results in liability to personal and national discipline from the Supreme Court of Heaven.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

All failure of client nations to God includes both the spiritual and the establishment principles.

Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; ² there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. ³ Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken away. ⁴ Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest. ⁵ You shall stumble by day; the prophet also shall stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother. ⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

The failure of believers to carry out God's plan and purpose results in a shrinking pivot of mature believers and the rejection of establishment principles.

God has ordained nationalism among the human race to protect it from self-destruction,

Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

Utopian socialism is an economic system based on the premise that if capital voluntarily surrendered ownership of the means of production to the state and the workers, unemployment and poverty would be abolished. This redistribution of wealth is disastrous for any nation that adopts socialism. The long list of nations that have tried it and failed is testimony to its uselessness. Capitalism is the only economic system that creates prosperity.

Jesus Christ controls history.

- He controls history through the function of His divine essence.
- He controls history as the judge of the Supreme Court of Heaven.
- He controls history through the pivot of mature believers in the client nation.
- He controls history by preserving Israel against antisemitism.
- He controls history by preserving planet Earth throughout human history.

He not only created the universe,

Hebrews 1:10 ...“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands...”

But He holds the universe together...

Hebrews 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

By controlling history, Jesus Christ provides the freedom to exercise human volition.

The Principles of Hope for a Client Nation.

1. You cannot buy hope. It isn't for sale.
2. You cannot legislate hope, for it is God's monopoly and demands a relationship with Him.
3. Therefore, government cannot give you hope, for it is a confident relationship with God.
4. Hence, hope is for Gentile client nations to the God of the Church Age and always depends on believers living the unique spiritual life that impacts the nation through blessing by association.
5. As goes the spiritual life of the believer, so goes the blessing of God for the client nation.
6. In recognition of the doctrine, "as goes the believer, so goes the client nation," hope becomes a technical monopoly of the royal priesthood.
7. Only those believers who live the unique spiritual life of the Church Age constitute both blessing and deliverance to the client nation to God in any given generation.
8. Therefore, hope in the client nation is tied to the pivot of mature believers who live the spiritual life of the Church, making them a vehicle of blessing by association.

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.