

# **GOVERNMENTS**

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## Governments

It was Mother's Day, 1967 about 18 miles north of Saigon, and it had rained from 4:30 pm till way past dark. We were awakened by a series of loud booms. "Hit the deck; those are incoming!" We didn't have a chance to run to any bunker so we all scurried under our bunks and started praying. It seemed like an eternity passed by until silence.

As we emerged from our huts we saw a blaze of two huts about 100 feet away. And then the stark reality of war set in as three men that we were acquainted with were loaded into body bags and carried off to headquarters. We had just talked to them that day and now no one could talk to them any more.

But why?

Who was responsible for their being dead?

That was 43 years ago and now the answer has been made clear. The answer is not just a one line answer though; it requires some explanation:

Let's go back to the beginning and take a look at the creation that God made to see if there were any flaws in man that would cause him to kill his fellow man.

<sup>Genesis 1:26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

<sup>Vs. 27</sup> So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

<sup>Vs. 31</sup> And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

There are three things that stand out here. First in verse 26 man is to have **dominion** over all the things listed but there is no mention of him having dominion over other men. Second is the fact that everything that God made is declared to be good in verse 31. Third is the fact that man is made in the image of God Himself. God is not a murderer. Yet that is exactly how those three men died in our story above; they were killed in their bunks or as they were getting out of their bunks. The point is that man was not a killer when God created him. So what happened to change that?

<sup>Genesis 3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

<sup>Vs. 2</sup> And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

<sup>Vs. 3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

<sup>Vs. 4</sup> And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

<sup>Vs. 5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

<sup>Vs. 6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took

of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Vs. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Vs. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Vs. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

Vs. 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

There is a lot here so let's pick these 10 verses apart. First the woman misinterprets God's instructions with regard to the tree about not touching it. It was one of the trees of the garden that they were supposed to keep so naturally they would have to at some time touch it.

Next we see that Satan flat out lies about God's intentions in verse four but the real danger comes in verse five: "your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**" Adam and Eve were already gods of the garden that God had given but they had never known evil, only good. The evil is where man got into trouble. Eve used her physical and mental senses to look at something spiritual. Adam was her man that she was taken out of so she should have consulted with him first and he should have talked it over with the one Whom had breathed into him the breath of life. Neither happened so they both took on the knowledge of evil along with the good that they already had. For man this is like throwing a bucket of gasoline on a fire that you are standing next to; a very bad idea. As a matter of fact, this knowledge is not good for any created being to have because it destroys. God creates and we are made in His image; that is what we are supposed to be doing creating, not destroying.

By just that one act of eating of that tree that they were told not to Adam and Eve traded the Government of God for the government of Satan. The government of Satan has the knowledge of evil with good mixed in for deceit. This results in immediate guilt and fear; two things that they had never known in the good of the garden. That is why God had forbade them from eating of (partaking of) this tree. So the first thing that they do after taking on the forbidden knowledge they have to hide their nakedness, their lovely naiveté is now replaced by evil thoughts so they cover themselves vs.7.

Then fear sets in verse 8. How do you hide from God? Fear, guilt, and greed have driven man ever since. Why do you ask? Because these are a part of the evil that Adam and Eve took on and passed on to us as their children.

Notice their reaction to each other now:

Vs. 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Vs. 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

They are immediately feeling the guilt (something that they can't even identify) and start the "blame game;" "It's your fault for giving me that woman; she did it!" "No, it's the snake's fault!" We all know what happened to our first parents as a result of all this; they got kicked out of the garden which is a symbol of God's kingdom or Heaven. They had rejected His

Government and way of doing things and were therefore not eligible to continue living there and enjoying its benefits.

But this had much more far reaching effects than either one of them realized; their personalities and characters completely changed. This knowledge of evil is just that: **EVIL**; and they were about to pass it on to their offspring. Why? Because it was part of them now; it was in their **DNA**.

### **The Results of Satan's Government**

It didn't take long for Satan to get a man to kill one of his fellow man:

<sup>Genesis 4:8</sup> And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Remember that there were not very many people on earth at this time but the first murder took place just as soon as Satan could figure out how to get one man to be angry with another. Now a quick read through these verses shows that jealousy was what drove Cain to murder his brother Abel. But what is the source of his jealousy? It is born out of a spirit of competition. Abel's offering was accepted and Cain's was not; leaving Cain to believe that his was inferior and maybe he was too. Disappointment, another of those negative emotions that the knowledge of evil brings with it, can be a powerful driving force. It is usually borne out of that spirit of competition or expectation; neither of which were known in the Garden of Eden.

<sup>Genesis 4:3</sup> And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

<sup>Vs. 4</sup> And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

<sup>Vs. 5</sup> But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

This is most likely not a sin offering but a praise offering and Cain "brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD" and Abel "brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof." Notice the description: Abel brought the fat and the best first born of his flock. But Cain's description is just plain fruit of the ground. Whenever the Scriptures make a distinction it is important and must not be overlooked. This is the reason that Cain's offering was not accepted he just brought any old thing.

Even despite God's consoling (vs. 6&7) he still killed his brother (vs. 8 above). And like his parents he tries to hide it.

<sup>Vs. 9</sup> And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, **I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?**

But notice what happens next when God pronounces punishment on him.

<sup>Vs. 11</sup> And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

<sup>Vs. 12</sup> When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

<sup>Vs. 13</sup> And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

Vs. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

This guy's got a lot of brass complaining that his punishment is too harsh after murdering his own brother. He should be thanking his lucky stars that God didn't just execute him like that prescribed in the Law of God. (See Genesis 9:5-6 which took place right after the flood.)

And Satan wasn't done yet trying to establish his form of government with man. After this incident with Cain we see many people both reasonably good and totally bad rise upon the earth. If you add up the overlapping years of Genesis 5 you will see that after about 1500 years man was so corrupt from Satan's influence and the mixing of fallen angels with women that ". . . GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." (Genesis 6:5-6) So God wiped man off the face of the earth with the flood except for Noah and his three sons and their wives; eight all total.

### **Satan Changes Tactics**

For the most part Satan had worked one-on-one with man up till the flood but after the flood we see him using man to influence his fellow man; evil begetting evil. Noah's son Ham had a son named Cush. One of Cush's son's name was Nimrod who was the founder of Babel (later to be known as Babylon).

Instead of farming or tending flocks under Nimrod they gathered together and formed a city with Nimrod as king because he was the mightiest (Gen. 10:8). Now Nimrod's head gets a little bigger than his hat so he develops a religion centered around him as king. Keeping in mind that Satan is putting all of this into Nimrod's head, he now changes the day and object of worship to the first day of the week and the sun as the source of all life. Satan has now taken God out of man's mind and replaced God with the counterfeit god of the sun and Nimrod. For the first time there now exists man's government albeit under Satan.

By doing this Satan now has Nimrod doing Satan's work for him by influencing others. This religion was spread throughout the entire world and it permeates just about all of organized religions in one form or another. It is called "Mystery, Babylon the great, The Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." (See Revelation 17:5) He now has his vehicle to keep man deceived throughout all time. More importantly he also has a means to kill men in large quantity. Governments, through wars and other means have killed just about everybody that has been killed by violence since Nimrod.

It is either through greed, (i.e. I want your territory, or gold, etc.), or religion (i.e. I'm going to cram my religion down your throat). That last one religion; includes form of government which to most in government is their religion.

This answers our question from page one as to who was responsible for those three men's deaths. Ultimately it was Satan but man had a big hand in it also. It was man's government of North Viet Nam with Ho Chi Minh in charge that decided to cram their communist form of government down the throat of the people of South Viet Nam. So the United States Government stepped in and assisted the South. The result was the death of those three men on

page one, plus three more Americans that night, and many more before America withdrew from Viet Nam. Satan was having a field day.

But why does he hate us so much? Remember we are made in God's image and he hates God so naturally he hates us. He is under the death sentence from God; so he is going to get his licks in while he can. This is just pure, raw hatred at work here and it grabs at any straw that will work its purpose. And just at a glance you would think that it is working very well. But God is still in charge and as we shall see all is going according to plan.

### Who's to blame?

Today America finds itself in the worst economic downturn since the great depression of the 1930's. Most people today are blaming either the Democrats or the Republicans for the economic mess that we are in. Well, both are to blame and so are you and me; and the churches and anyone that calls themselves an American. Here's why: (a quick history lesson is needed here)

America was founded by Godly men upon Godly principles even our three branches of government are from the Holy Scriptures:

Isaiah 33:22 For the LORD *is* our **judge**, the LORD *is* our **lawgiver**, the LORD *is* our **king**; he will save us.

There you have our three branches of government: judicial, legislative, and executive. Our founding fathers thought it wise to divide these three up into many people so that no one corrupt individual could bring us down.

But our whole nation has been brought down because the individual citizen has degraded themselves to a point that has effected the government. People will get the kind of government that they deserve.

By 1900 Darwinism or evolution was increasing in our higher levels of education where our teachers are taught. This would eventually become unchecked and permeate America's entire educational system. Just like a little yeast will cause a large batch of flour to rise, so this infected the country to the point that God has effectively been tossed out of the educational system of America. (More on this in a little bit.)

After World War II Americans had survived both a depression and for many, two world wars. We went on a self binge of seeking after material things that rust and thieves steal. We plowed up many family farms on the outskirts of our cities and made subdivisions where we once had corn growing. People were crammed so closed to each other that you could see from one house into another. And the competition grew to keep up with the Jones' next door. Go into debt and buy that new car even though your old one is only two years old and only has 20,000 miles on it. (Note: this is city life and what happened with Nimrod when he formed Babel; the people were crammed in next to each other; contempt and competition set in.)

New gadgets and toys came out along with advances in technology: television, air conditioning, transistor radios, and stereos just to name a few came along in the forties and fifties. Along with these came an increase in illegal drug use, pornography, and homosexuality. (Note: in the fifties when the movie Giant was being made it was a known fact among the crew that actor Rock Hudson was a homosexual. Yet that fact was kept from the public so that he could be celebrated as an icon in the acting field.)

Then in 1962 The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that there should be no prayer or the Ten Commandments posted in our public schools. Now God has a real tangible problem with this:

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: **but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;**

Vs. 10 *Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and **that they may teach their children.**

Vs. 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

Vs. 12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only *ye heard* a voice.

Vs. 13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, **even ten commandments;** and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

The word “teach” here means to “inculcate” or “rub in by repetition.” This commandment to teach the children is repeated in Deuteronomy 6:7 & 11:19. If God says something three times to us it is very critical to life. (Note: It is absolutely amazing that the Supreme Court Building has a sculpture of Moses over the center doorway right up front of the building for every one to see.)

Turn to Romans 1:

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

The word “hold” should be translated “withhold the truth in unrighteousness.” (See Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance #2722) This is exactly what we have been doing to our children as a result of those 1962 Supreme Court rulings, withholding the truth in our unrighteousness. So what happens as a result?

Vs. 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Vs. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Vs. 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Vs. 24 Wherefore **God also gave them up** to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Vs. 25 Who **changed the truth of God into a lie,** and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

The word translated “gave them up” in verse 24 is the same word that is translated “delivered” in Luke’s Gospel (23:25) referring to Pilate turning Jesus over for the carrying out of a sentence or punishment. (See Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance #3860) Our punishment was what came next: abortion January, 1973. That’s right, God turned us over to sin more. You see it is all in your decision to sin or not to sin. No one compels you to sin. No one compels those persons to commit murder by abortion. No one ever held a gun to the head of any of those doctors and made him kill those babies. You see those doctors and the women who are their victims believed the lie (verse 25 above) that it is really not a baby until it is born out of the womb. So they went out and had sex for the sake of sex out of the lusts of their hearts and thus dishonored their bodies. (Vs. 24) The women became pregnant out of wedlock or certainly not in convenience.

What happened here was that God removed the restraints of man’s law so that man could sin without the fear of man’s punishment. The result was that man sinned even more while the churches protested but did little more. The first Sunday after the 1962 court decisions were handed down there should have been a petition in every Christian Church in America for a constitutional amendment to overturn those rulings. That is what would have happened back in 1790. If that had happened Roe vs. Wade would have been overturned the same way and we would not be where we are today. But remember God is in charge here and He didn’t want it that way.

Next in the progression came:

<sup>Vs. 26</sup> For this cause God **gave them up** unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

<sup>Vs. 27</sup> And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

There is that “gave them up” again and this time it is to homosexuality with its consequences of AIDS, which is what Rock Hudson died of. Now these people that call themselves “gay” want the government to recognize their relationships as legal marriages. Marriage was something instituted by God between a man and a woman and now these who have perverted that relationship want the benefits that are offered to those that do it God’s way; the right way. Several states have already recognized these “gay marriages” as legal and many judges have violated their oath of office and the constitution by legislating these so-called marriages as legal.

So what is next?

<sup>Vs. 28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind,** to do those things which are not convenient;

<sup>Vs. 29</sup> Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

<sup>Vs. 30</sup> Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Vs. <sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Vs. <sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, **but have pleasure in them that do them.**

That “reprobate mind” in verse 28 means that they are out to lunch, the light is on but nobody is home, they have completely lost any sense of right or wrong because of a seared conscience.

Verses 29 – 31 is the most complete list of sins in the entire Bible and it pretty well tells what the average newspaper says every day here in America.

And verse 32, “have pleasure in them that do them;” well we already have gay movie theaters, and strip night clubs have been around for over a century.

But does God do all of this without mercy?

No! 9/11/01 was a warning from Him in His mercy. But it was also a “giving us up” for the carrying out of a sentence of economic woe that America is in for the sins listed above.

What was our reaction? Our leader George Bush within days of 9/11 said “back to business as usual” same abortions, same homosexuality, same pornography, same sins. Neither he, nor anyone else of importance recognized it as a warning from God.

What was struck at and what was destroyed on 9/11? The World Trade Center which was the symbol of our economic might was totally destroyed. The Pentagon which is the symbol of our military might was what you might call slightly wounded. It was repaired within a year.

So, since then, the U.S. Government has been trying prop up the economy with all those banking, Wall Street, and insurance company policies that have now caused a collapse of the economy in 2008. With them they took General Motors, Chrysler, Merrill-Lynch and many other companies that you would think would be sound.

That was on the domestic front; and on the foreign front we struck back at the terrorist groups responsible for 9/11. But here we are over nine years later and the leader of the main group is still at large. The most powerful nation in the world can’t find one man and capture him or kill him even despite all that nuclear and technologically superior weaponry. It is almost laughable if it weren’t so pitiful.

In addition to the al Qaeda war our leader also deemed that Iraq’s leader was a terrorist and attacked him on March 19, 2003. We still have a military presence over there seven years later of 150,000 troops draining the economy further.

### **Where is this all headed?**

Predicting years of events is wrong and even Jesus said that it was reserved for our Heavenly Father alone. (See Acts 1:7 & Matthew 24:36) However He did tell us that when we see certain signs that we would know that the end was “near, even at the doors.” (See Matthew 24:33) We should be looking for events that He gave us in Ezekiel 5, Matthew 24, Leviticus 26, Daniel 10, 11, &12, and Revelation. Let’s look at Ezekiel 5:

Ezekiel 5:1 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause *it* to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the *hair*.

Vs. 2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, *and* smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

This sounds rather bizarre even for Bible language. But look at it closely: a third of the hair dies in the middle of the city when the siege is full, or done, or perfect. We are already under the economic siege although it is probably not full. Verse 12 gives the interpretation of the rest:

Vs. 12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

Pestilence can be just about anything from a pesky bunch of illegal aliens to the plague carried by rats all accompanied with famine. What form it takes is not important just trust that it will happen and a full third of our population will die as a result of it.

Next we see that another full third are killed by the sword; this always points to war of some kind; either from without or within – civil.

Then we see the last third being scattered “into all the winds.” Verses 13 & 14 explain this:

Vs. 13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it* in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

Vs. 14 Moreover **I will make thee waste**, and a reproach among the nations that *are* round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.

This is nothing less than a Sodom and Gomorrah event as is born out by Leviticus 26:

Leviticus 26:32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

Vs. 33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and **your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste**.

This is part of the punishment for not obeying God's Laws and Commandment. The words “desolate” and “waste” mean the same thing “uninhabitable.” The land of America has in it today many earthquake faults and volcanoes and several super volcanoes. If all were to trigger off at once there would be no more inhabitable land of the United States of America to dwell on. The third of our population that has survived all of this will be scattered to all parts of the world and the sword will follow after them. We are already hated by just about everybody on planet earth; imagine what will happen if 100 million of us try to immigrate to their countries all of a sudden. The welcome mat will not be out for us except in very few places and they will only be able to accept some of us.

## The Good News

God says that this terrible spanking from him will finally wake us up so that we will seek him in repentance and He will hear us:

<sup>Leviticus 26:40</sup> If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

<sup>Vs. 41</sup> And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

<sup>Vs. 42</sup> Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

<sup>Vs. 43</sup> The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

<sup>Vs. 44</sup> And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I *am* the LORD their God.

<sup>Vs. 45</sup> But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.

Although the punishment will last the full seven years (see verse 28) these are the last seven years before the return of Christ to establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. That is the best news yet because His Kingdom will abolish all of man's governments. There will be no more wars; no more will men be killing each other because they have sworn allegiance to a government of man.

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