



Elijah Is Distracted by Disaster; The Seven Postulates of Divine Integrity: How the Number of Believers in a Client Nation Determines Its Historical Trends

- 8- This followed the miracle performed by God on Mount Carmel which had completely discredited the priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-39). Elijah then misused his authority through arrogance and as a result made martyrs of the priests of Baal.
- 9- Jezebel could have cared less about these priests. She could have imported any number she wanted from Tyre. All were bound to do her bidding anyhow. But she used Elijah's miscarriage of justice to put out a contract on his life in order to silence him and his message (1 Kings 19:2).
10. In our War on Terror, over two years have passed and two of our major antagonists, Usama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein, remain at large. Whether they are dead or alive is not really known. But it is probably best that they simply remain discredited rather than executed. Otherwise, they could become instant martyrs and provide ready rationales for intensified terrorist attacks against the West.
11. What we must always keep in mind is that when divine judgment comes upon a client nation, the Pivot is always protected. They are preserved to either reconstruct the client nation or be transported to a new one.
12. For Israel, the 7,000 were large enough to preserve it for another 130 years although the majority of Israel's population was entangled in the worship of Baal.
13. This makes clear to us our duty before the Lord: Be aware of historical trends but do not be distracted by them. Instead, continue your spiritual growth so that the majority's apostasy might be neutralized by the justice of God.
14. Therefore, believers in a client nation must learn to take advantage of their advantages. This brings into view seven postulates that summarize believers' personal obligations before the Lord and of the client nation.
15. To appreciate these postulates we need to define two words: (1) postulate and (2) advantage:

Postulate:

(OED) To claim the truth of something; to take for granted; especially, to assume as a basis of reasoning, discussion, or action.

(AHD/EL): To assume the truth of something with no proof, especially as a basis of an argument. To assume as a premise or axiom. Something assumed without proof as being self-evident or generally accepted.

Advantage:

(OED) A superior, better, or favorable position. Anything that gives one superiority or improves one's position.

(AHD/EL) A factor favorable or conducive to success.

(WNNCD) A circumstance of benefit to its possessor.
16. We therefore assume these seven principles to be true and self-evident based on several superior positions favorable to believers and to client nations.
17. These postulates are divided into two categories: (1) personal and (2) national.

THE POSTULATES OF DIVINE INTEGRITY

Personal:



- (1) There are no advantages (1) to the advantages (2) without the advantage (3).

The word advantage(s) occurs three times in the sentence. No. 1 refers to blessings from the justice of God such as logistical grace support. No. 2 refers to the privilege of living in a client nation. No. 3, the singular “advantage,” refers to the possession of God’s righteousness imputed at salvation and the target of all divine blessings to the believer.

Blessings to a client nation are the direct result of its association with believers within its population. All believers, spiritual or carnal, are guaranteed logistical grace support for both life and godliness from the justice of God directed to their imputed righteousness.

A client nation is a geographic enclave that provides an environment of freedom for the spiritual growth of believers. It also insures these individuals the freedom to evangelize the lost, preserve the canon of Scripture, support missionaries, and, in the Church Age, offer a haven of refuge to the Jewish Diaspora.

With these things in mind the first postulate reads this way: There are no advantages (logistical blessings from God) to the advantages (of living in a client nation) without the advantage (of imputed righteousness).

Believers are guaranteed logistical blessings from divine justice. These advantages are designed to sustain him physically so that he can exploit client-nation advantages that enable him to grow spiritually. If there is no imputed righteousness, which is THE advantage, then, for such an individual, the first advantage (logistical grace) is nonexistent and the second advantage (client nation privileges) is neutralized.

- (2) If you have the advantage (imputed righteousness), you have the advantages (e.g., logistical blessings from the justice of God).
- (3) Without the advantage (imputed righteousness), there are no advantages (e.g., logistical blessings from the justice of God).

National:

- (4) No (client) nation can have the advantages (of blessings by association with believers) without the advantage (a Pivot of mature believers).
- (5) A nation without the advantage (a Pivot of mature believers) loses the advantages (blessings by association with these believers and protection from the five cycles of discipline).
- (6) No (client) nation can recover its advantages (e.g., blessings by association with believers) without the advantage (a certain number of its population with the imputation of divine righteousness).
- (7) Loss of the advantage (believers with imputed righteousness) and the advantages (e.g., blessings by association with them) removes that (client) nation from history (the fifth cycle of discipline).
18. For the Northern Kingdom, 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal was enough of an advantage (those with imputed righteousness) to sustain its advantage as a client nation for better than a century.
19. The “magic number” that makes up the advantage for a nation to continue in history is determined by the Lord. A good example of this concept is provided by our Lord’s discussion with Abraham in Genesis 18.



20. Keep in mind this is not a client nation passage but it clearly illustrates the principle that the loss of the advantage removes a nation from history. I will abridge this conversation to amplify our subject:

Genesis 18:20 - The Lord said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin [**deviant sexual behavior with emphasis on homosexuality**] is exceedingly grave.

v. 21 - "I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

v. 23 - And Abraham came near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous [**those with the advantage**] with the wicked?"

v. 24 - "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?"

v. 26 - So the Lord said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city [**the advantage**], then I will spare the whole place on their account [**the advantages of blessings by association**]."

v. 28 - "Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of the five?" And the Lord said, "I will not."

v. 29 - And Abraham spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And the Lord said, "I will not."

v. 30b - "Suppose thirty are found there?" And He said, "I will not."

v. 31b - "Suppose twenty are found there?" And He said, "I will not."

v. 32b - "Suppose ten are found there?" And the Lord said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."

21. Sodom and Gomorrah were part of a pentapolis, a league of five cities at the south end of the Dead Sea. An advantage of ten believers would have sustained their decadent society. However, only three existed, Lot and his two daughters, and they were allowed to escape to Zoar \zō' er\.