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Quite often it is true that men take pride in the very things that should remind them of their shame. This is nowhere seen more clearly than as some glory in earthly governments, confusing and mistaking patriotism for Godliness. The necessity of earthly governments only arises due to the depravity of the natural man. If men were not sinners there would be no need for such institutions. *“Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers”* Yet due to this innate corruption, which is bound in the nature of men, the world would soon devolve into chaos and destruction had not the LORD set these laws and powers in place for the purpose of establishing order.

. But we see corruption even in these governments as they are ruled by the same sort of men that they have been ordained to control. Their pride is seen as each nation upon the earth is vying for a position of power and honor among the other nations. This desire mirrors the desires of the individuals that make up those nations as each one seeks his own benefit. While there is often a pecking order among nations, the leaders of each one are jockeying for a higher position in that pecking order. This is simply the way of men and we are not surprised as we see this dance of ascendancy occurring day by day. The stronger nations believe that they have achieved this place of strength by their own power, will, and wisdom, even as most men think they have attained success by their own efforts and ability.

The scripture is clear that nations rise and fall according to the Sovereign Pleasure of an Almighty and Unchangeable GOD. *“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.”* How glorious is the ONE who sitteth in the Heavens and has those in contempt, who will not give HIM all glory and who think they shall determine their course. Some nations even boast of their “godliness”, glorying in their “heritage”, and declaring that they are on GOD’s side or vice versa. No nation is of any consequence before HIM who forms the light and creates the darkness. *“Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: ---. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.”* How foolish is it then for men to glory in any government but that which is of, through, and by JESUS CHRIST? HE alone is the KING of HIS *“holy nation”* and HE will not share that glory with another.

The LORD has used the panorama of history to display HIS sovereign prerogative to do with HIS own as HE pleases. In this display HE has raised up countless nations in order to fulfill HIS purpose and ultimately bring glory to HIS name both in their ascendancy to power and in their destruction by HIS own HAND as it hath pleased HIM. This was revealed to Daniel, *who said “And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:”* HE used Egypt to feed the house of Jacob, and then used them to enslave Jacob. Yet Paul clearly states the LORD’s purpose in raising up Pharaoh to power. *“Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.”* Thus HE raised up Pharaoh ( and Egypt) to power that HE might destroy him as HE would demonstrate the deliverance of HIS people out of bondage by the same hand, giving them the land of promise. After a season HE raised up the Babylonians to enslave Israel, yet when HE was done with the Babylonians, HE raised up Cyrus the Persian to conquer them.

All nations are subject to HIS purpose for them and their reign upon the earth is temporary in all cases. This is so that HE might magnify the glory of HIS grace in the establishment of the Kingdom of CHRIST, which shall never pass away. For CHRIST has subdued all of HIS enemies and shall forever reign as the KING of Kings and LORD of Lords. HE inhabits no corruptible throne which could ever be discovered in this world by carnal men, but rather sits upon the eternal throne of HIS everlasting kingdom. *“The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.” (Psa 103:19)* To which kingdom is your allegiance given?

*“Thy free grace alone,” #11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthepoor@windstream.net](mailto:forthepoor@windstream.net)**