

Dan. 2:40-45 - L.O.T.H. – Governmental - Gov. is not God

Intro- today= LORD's day worldwide; Independence Day nationwide; & *Out of order day* churchwide. Suppose to have Supper today but moved to next week because of holiday & Today's sermon belongs in series that we finished weeks ago but circumstances bumped this one out of order while we were LOTH.

- Mother/Fathers day - leaders have a responsibility to prepare their people/families for the evil day
 - 1 Cor. 16:13 we need to be prepared spiritually, psychologically and relationally
- Societal- cultural trends we are to expect - days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah - ~~hide~~/pride
- Environmental - events in "nature" that are predictors. Earth/sea/wild weather/heavens/ light/dark
- Ecclesiastical – churchical changes - Deception Desertion Persecution Mission
- Today we note some Governmental issues that the inspired text warns us of. Attempted Union; Continual Confrontation; Forced Assimilation; Worldwide Deception; Coming Consummation
 - all governments are established by God but never forget that government is not God.

ATTEMPTED UNION governments will try to unify but they won't quite codify or mix well

1. not uncommon to hear Christians talk about a coming global government (I ? but it is a quest)
 - a. "Imagine" yearning for a utopia "building a ladder to place that doesn't (cant) exist"
 - b. Back to Babel God separated us into nations for a reason (separated cells)
 - i. When this world becomes one this world is done
2. 10 nation confederacy seen as 10 horns (Daniel 7:23-24; Rev. 13,17) & 10 toes (Daniel 2)
 - a. The 10 toes are made of iron and clay. Dan. 2:42-43 Partly strong and partly brittle
 - i. They are mixed with the seed of men (multi-cultural) Dan. 2:43
 - ii. They won't fully mix together. They can't congeal "will not adhere"

CONTINUAL CONFRONTATION may be a quest for global gov. but will get continual global conflict.

1. They may attempt to unite but there will be a continual fight
 - a. Matt. 24:6-7 wars and.....nation will rise against nation and kingdom against....
 - i. Jesus mentions nations and kingdoms in conflict (they won't be one)
 - b. Dan. 9:26c wars and desolations are decreed until the end (world be united in conflict)
 - c. Today is our 245th birthday - we have had 17 of those years without war (WarHistory)
 - d. In the last 3421 yrs of history only 268 have been without war (NYT)
 - i. We may have ended our conflict in Afghanistan but I doubt conflict will end
2. Coming conflicts
 - a. Ezek. 38:3,5 NKJV - nations attacking Israel - Rosh (Russia?) Persia, Ethiopia, Libya
 - i. Some interpret 38:6 as being Germany and Turkey ??? (war not go well)
 - b. Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies - Luke 21:20; Rev. 11:2; Zech. 12:3; 14:2,12
 - i. Peace Treaty with Israel - Dan. 9:27 Temple – 2 Thess. 2:4; Matt. 24:15
 - c. Kings from the east will cross the Euphrates River for war – Rev. 16:12
 - d. The 10 nation confederation will fight against the great city that rules over the earth
 - i. Beauty & the Beast will battle. Mystery Babylon will fall in one hour Rev. 17-18

FORCED ASSIMILATION - not a one world government system but a one world economic system

1. Rev. 13:16-17 there is a mandatory money mark coming
 - a. Compelled to conform if one is to participate in the economy - “to buy or sell”
 - b. Forced compliance. Resistance is futile your will be assimilated...or else
 - i. Comply or die excluded from economy /on wrong side of history
2. Governments will enforce a forced homage to an image (Rev. 13:14-15)
 - a. Forced idolatry (like in Daniel 3 – fiery furnace) bow the knee to government image
 - b. We have coming our way a Government imposed idolatry and tightly controlled economy
 - c. Not hard to imagine what a totalitarian government could do with current technology
 - i. We have just experience rapid change & what can be imposed on us in a crisis
3. all governments are established by God but government is not God
 - a. our pledge of allegiance - one nation under God... God is over government
 - b. Governments can & do exceed their God given boundaries/authority
 - c. When government becomes “god” it is idolatry to comply & Christian duty to dissent
4. In early church, Rome required everyone to say, “Caesar is Lord” that is “government is god”
 - a. You could keep all your other gods as long as they were subordinate to government
 - b. Christian wouldn’t comply. “Jesus is Lord” “Jesus is God” government is under God
5. Christians cannot comply with a government imposed idolatry or a compelled economy
 - a. Coming conflict with government for Christians - Rev. 13:7;12:17 Dan. 7:21, 25
 - b. We are to have victory over the image and the money mark. Rev. 15:2
 - c. Beware of the mandatory money mark and a forced homage to an image. Gov. is not God

WORLD WIDE DECEPTION

Governments and politicians don’t lie to us do they?

1. Society is conditioning us now to believe lies. Lies are the language of the day
 - a. Prov. 23:23 if we sell the truth we will buy anything – we will buy the lie
 - b. A big lie is coming from big government. Dan. 8:25 – “cause deceit to succeed “
 - c. Satan deceives whole world – Rev. 12:9. His influence on government leaders compels them to do the same. Rev. 13:14; 19:20 2 Thess. 2:9-11- God seals choice
 - d. The deception will be so great even the elect would succumb... if possible. Matt. 24:24-25
2. Government will be an anti-christ. A false Christ with a false gospel and even a false resurrection
 - a. A government leader will be ”wounded by the sword yet live” Rev. 13:14b
 - i. the world will marvel Rev. 13:3
 - b. The deception is an imitation. A counterfeit Christ, false gospel, resurrection rendition

COMING CONSUMATION

after the imitation there will be the culmination of the ages

- Daniel 2:33-35; 44-45 the Rock of Ages will smash the toes. (step on toes of foes – sudden fall)
- Isaiah 9:6-7 - Government on His shoulders...no end to the increase of His government
- Rev. 11:15 the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.
- Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth now – Rev. 1:5
- Jesus will rule with rod of iron when He comes at the consummation Rev. 19:15
 - Government is not God. Jesus is God Jesus is Lord
- Phil. 2:9-11 every knee will bow and every tongue will confess (Matt. 21:44)