

The Spiritual City II

Nation Building Principles

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 - Eph 6:12-13
 - 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (from New International Version)

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- The function of the spiritual life is the key determinant of the quality of his overall existence
 - Matthew 6.30-33, Luke 12.15-21
- There is a spiritual nation and a physical nation-a spiritual city and a spiritual city
 - The condition of the spiritual city determines the condition of the physical city, just as the condition of the spiritual man determines the condition of the physical man

The Spiritual and Physical City

- Physical City
 - Population, People
 - Real Estate
 - Land
 - Buildings
 - Business enterprise
 - Government
 - Administration
 - Courts
 - Police
 - Military
- Spiritual City
 - Souls
 - True and False Doctrinal Systems
 - Spiritually Gifted Persons
 - Spiritual Leadership
 - Elect and Fallen Angels
 - God

The Spiritual City

- The condition of each aspect of the spiritual city determines the overall health of the physical city.
 - **Souls:** Is evangelism functioning and flourishing Prov 1.7
 - **Doctrine:** Is true doctrine available to all or has false doctrine gained the ascendancy Hos 4.6 2Cor 3.16
 - **Gifted Individuals:** Are believer growing and using their gifts to the glory of God. Eph 4.11-15
 - **Spiritual Leadership:** Are spiritual leaders exercising their responsibility to protect, feed and care for the church. Acts 20.28 1Pet 5.2-3
 - **Angels:** Is demonic influence in check due to the proper function of the above factors **Isa 14.12** Rev 12.9
 - **God:** Is the righteousness of God blessing or cursing the physical city. Ps 127.1

Models of the Spiritual City

- Nehemiah 1-2
- Deuteronomy 28
- Joshua 6:1-5
- Daniel 10:12-11:1

Outcome of Spiritual Defeat

- Nehemiah 1-2
 - Read Nehemiah 1:1-3
 - Why did this disaster happen to Israel? Jer 25.1-11
 - How does this relate to the concept of the Spiritual City?
 - Can you relate v3 to the cities of black America
 - Read Nehemiah 1:5-11
 - What is the key factor in the fall of Israel
 - What is the role of God in the rise and fall of Israel

The Fall of the Physical City

- Deuteronomy 28
 - Read v. 1 then v. 15-16
 - Although history is the record of mans decisions and actions, Jesus Christ controls history to the benefit of those whom he favors
 - Psalms 127.1 Acts 10:34-35 2 Chronicles 16.9
 - There are a variety of ways in which God weakens the nations of those who forsake him
 - Physical/Medical v 18, 21, 22, 34, 35
 - Social 29, 30, 43, 44
 - Economic v 17, 18, 23, 3, 39-40, 42
 - Political/Military 25, 26, 28, 32, 33, 36, 41

Questions

- What is it that cannot be seen in the newspaper and television descriptions of the turmoil, instability and breakdown of nations?
- Is there a pattern in the breakdown of nations, does this breakdown occur in stages, or all at once?
- Homework
 - Identify the cycles of national judgment in Leviticus 26
 - Identify trends in this weeks newspaper that demonstrate these cycles in operation