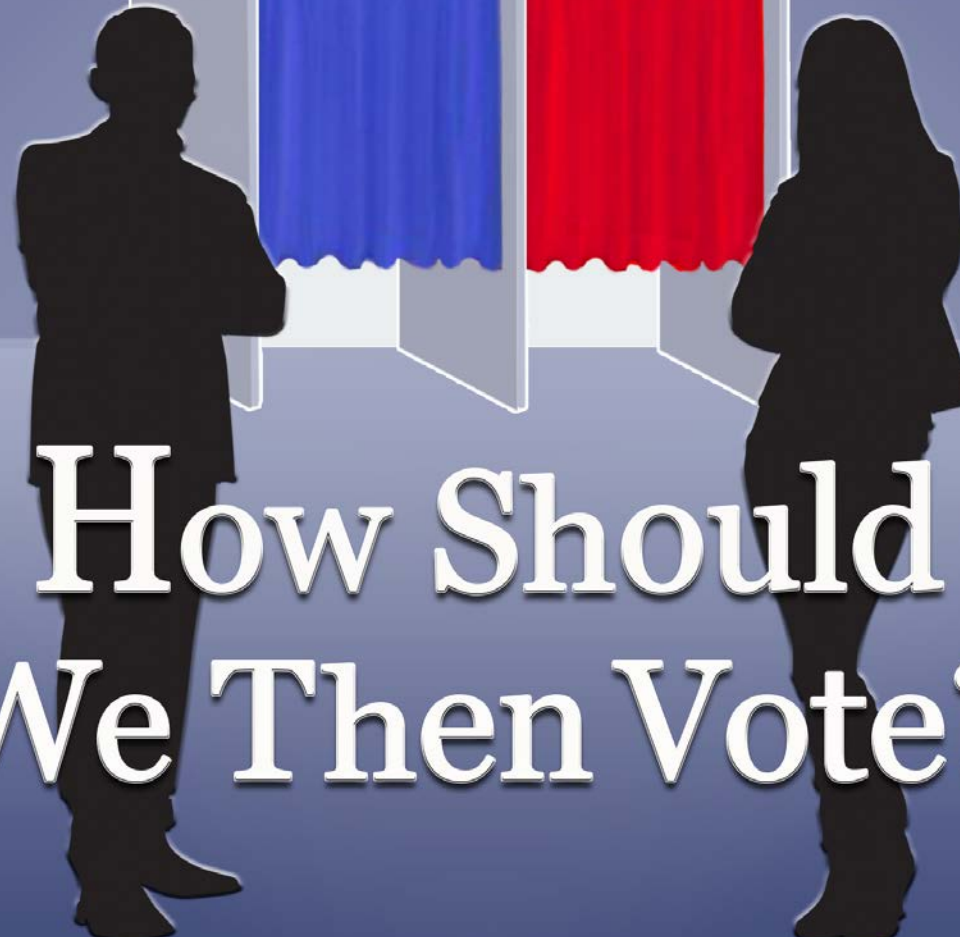


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**Divine Institution #5:  
Independent Nations – Part 1**

# The Foundations of Social Order

## The Divine Institutions

**Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”**

# The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

2. Marriage      **PRE-FALL**

3. Family      **Designed to promote productivity  
and advance civilization**

4. Government, Judicial      **POST-FALL**

**Designed to restrain evil**

5. Independent Nations

6. Israel      **BLESSING FOR ALL MANKIND**

# **What is a Divine Institution?**

**Absolute social structures instituted by God for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike.**

**Designed by God for the “perpetuation, preservation, protection, and prosperity of the human race.”**

**“the protection, conservation, fostering, and improvement of human life.” ~Martin Luther**

**A Divine Institution is not a social construct.**

# Nimrod

**1 Chron. 1:10, “Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.”**

**Micah 5:6, “They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; Thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads within our borders.”**



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

PERSIAN GULF

Arabian

TIRAS  
JAVAN

LUD

MESHECH

MAGOG

TUBAL

GOMER

RIPHATH

TOGARMAH

ASHKENAZ

MADAI

RHODANIM

HAMATHITE

EBER

PELEG

ASSHUR

PHTORIM

ELISHAH

KITTIM

ARAM

UZ

HUL

Euphrates River

Tigris River

Area of enlargement

PUT

NAPHTUHIM

SHINAR

MASH

ELAM

Nile River

MISRAIM

JOKTAN

ALMODAD

JERAH

DEDEN

HAVILAH

CUSH

PATHRUSIM

REI

AB

*Enuma Elish* p. 48–49; Heidel, The Babylonian Genesis

When Marduk heard this,  
His countenance shone exceedingly, like the day and he  
said:

So, shall Babylon be, whose construction ye have desired;  
Let its brickwork be fashioned, and call it a sanctuary,

The Anunnaki wielded the hoe,

One year they made bricks for it;

when the second year arrived,

They raised the head of Esagila on high, level with the  
Apsu

After they had built the lofty stagetower of the Apsu

They established an abode therein for Marduk, Enlil and  
Ea

He sat down before them in majesty.



**M A R D U K      MRDK,**  
**NIMROD            NMRD**

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NIMROD         NMRD

מָרַד, *marad* “to rebel”

**“Nimrod persuaded them not to ascribe it to God as if it were through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyrannies, seeing no other way of turning man from the fear of God, but to bring them into constant dependence upon his power.”**

**~Josephus**

# **Pharaoh Amenemhet I**

**“Men dwelled in peace through that  
which I wrought”**

**Hammurabi, the Babylonian king, saw  
his purpose,**

**“to bring the four quarters of the world  
to obedience.”**



# Bab-el

## "Gate of God"





**A dragon, sacred animal of Marduk, patron deity of Babylon. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century BC Marduk was viewed as the supreme cosmic ruler of the earth. The Babylonians believed he was the creator of the universe and ruler of gods and humans. Michael Luddeni.**



**\*\*Archaeologist George Smith found an inscription in Babylon that read**

**“The building of the illustrious tower offended the gods. In a night they threw down what they had built. They scattered them abroad, and made strange their speech.”**

**Revelation 20:8, “and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.”**

**Revelation 21:24, “The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.”**

**Revelation 21:26, “and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;”**

**Revelation 22:2, “in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”**