

How Should We Then Vote?
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**Divine Institution #5:
Independent Nation-States; Tribes – Part 2**

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 Nation-States

6. Israel **BLESSING FOR ALL MANKIND**

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.”

M A R D U K MRDK,
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



Bab-el

"Gate of God"





A dragon, sacred animal of Marduk, patron deity of Babylon. In the 12th 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.

Chiasmus in Gen. 11:1–9

A All the earth had one language (1)

B there (2)

C one to another (3)

D Come, let's make bricks (3)

E Let's make a name for ourselves (4)

F a city and a tower (4)

G. The Lord came down (5)

F' the city and the tower (5)

E' that the humans built, (5)

D' Come, Let's confuse (7)

C' Not understand one another (7)

B' from there (8)

A' Confused the language of the whole earth. (9)

****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.”

Gen. 11:1, “Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.

Gen. 11:2, “And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

Gen. 11:3, “Then they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.’ They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.”



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

PERSIAN GULF

Arabian

TIRAS
LUD
MESHECH
JAVAN
RHODANIM
PHTORIM

MAGOG
GOMER
RIPHATH
TUBAL
TOGARMAH

ASHKENAZ

MADAI

ELISHAH

HAMATHITE
KITTIM

EBER
PELEG
ASSHUR
ARAPACHSHAD

ARAM
UZ
HUL

PUT
NAPHTUHIM

MISRAIM
Nile River

JOKTAN
ALMODAD

SHINAR

MASH
ELAM

CUSH
PATHRUSIM

DEDEN
JERAH

HAVILAH

Area of enlargement

Euphrates River
Tigris River

REI

AB

Gen. 11:4, “And they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’ ”

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Gen. 9:1, “So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.’ ”

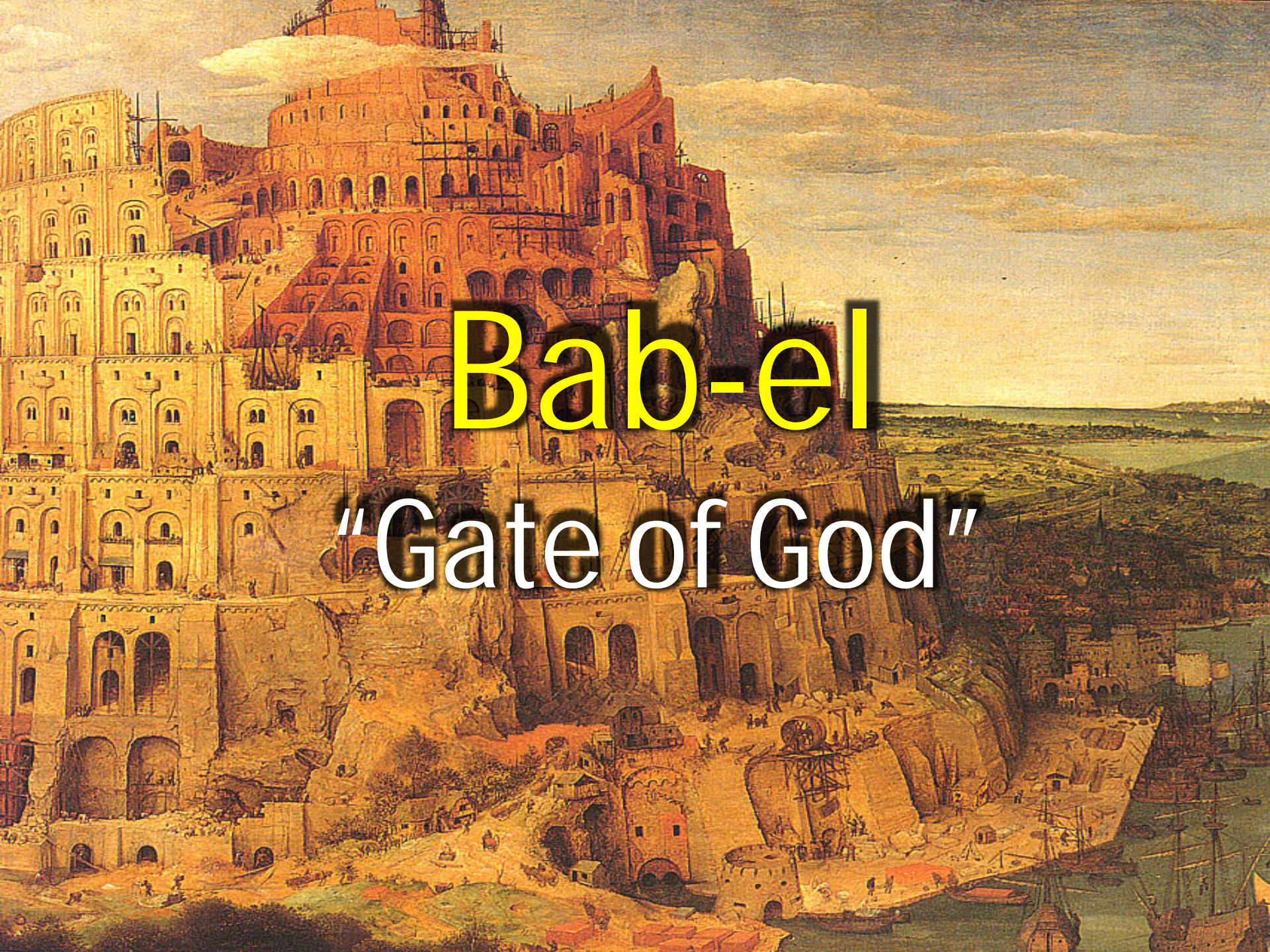
Gen. 11:5, “But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

Gen. 11:6, “And the LORD said, ‘Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.’ ”

Gen. 11:7, “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

Gen. 11:8, “So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.”

Gen. 11:9, “Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.”



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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.”

Gen. 12:1, “Now the LORD had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

Gen. 12:2, “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.”

׳א (gôy) nation, people.

Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

ASV and RSV differ and agree in various instances, e.g., Gen. 10:5; ׳א appears twice. Both translate “nation” in one instance, but RSV has “peoples” in the other. It is difficult to ascertain the exact definition of the term.

Gen. 12:5, “Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had made, [not acquired] in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.”

Gen. 12:7, “Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.”

Deut. 2:4, “And command the people, saying, ‘You are about to pass through the territory of your brethren, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully.

Deut. 2:5, “Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

Deut. 2:6, “You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.”

**Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High
divided their inheritance to the nations,
When He separated the sons of Adam,
He set the boundaries of the peoples
According to the number of the children
of Israel.”**

“many different nations are able to chart their own course, independently without any interference from outside nations, their own traditions, their own laws, their own interests, culture, history. For 400 years this has been the mainstay of the Anglo tradition, the EU [European] tradition. And that nations should be independent from one another.”

~Yoram Hazony

Nation: a collection of tribes that shared a common language, a common religion, heritage, and culture. Joining together in common cause against common enemies.

**Internationalism = opposition to the
plan of God in history**

Acts 17:26, “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,”



Isa. 2:4, “He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.”

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ISAIAH

Isa. 11:6, “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling
together; And a little child shall lead them.

Isa. 11:7, “The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together; And the
lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Isa. 11:8, “The nursing child shall play by the
cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his
hand in the viper’s den.

Isa. 11:9, “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all
My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the
sea.”