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THE BIBLE AND VOTING
Part 8



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- Biblical principles rather than partisanship

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Economic Issues

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- Family is the building block of society? (Deut. 6:6-7)
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- The earth experiences cyclical patterns? (Gen. 8:22)
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Social Issues

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4. Advocacy capital punishment? (Gen. 9:6)
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6. Parental authority over children? (Eph. 6:4)
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Genesis 11:1-4


¹ Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. ² It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴ They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."



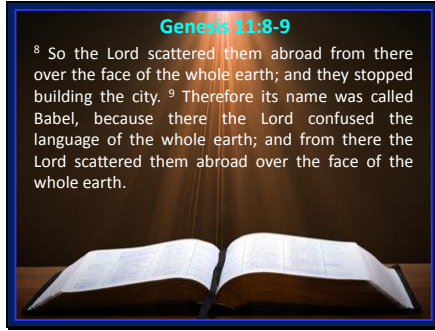
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Genesis 11:5-7

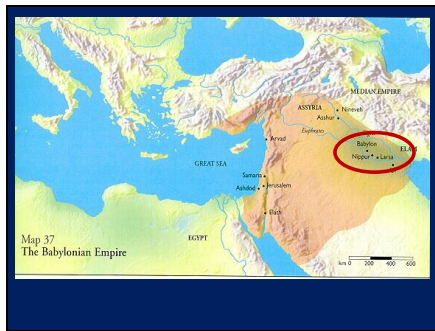
⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."



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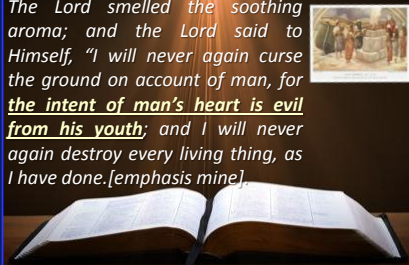
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Genesis 8:21


The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine]



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Lord Acton

"All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."



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God's Doctrine of Nations

Since Babel	Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26
Millennium	Isaiah 2:4; 66:18; Zech. 14:16-18; Rev.12:5; 20:3
Eternal State	Rev. 21:24, 26

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Henry Steele Commager

cited in *The New World Order*, page 147



The inescapable fact, traumatized by the energy crisis, the population crisis, armaments race, and so forth, is that nationalism as we have noted in the 19th and much of the 20th century is as much of an anachronism today as with States Rights when Calhoun preached it and Jefferson Davis fought for it.

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cited in *The New World Order*, page 147



"Just as we know, or should know, that none of our domestic problems can be solved within the artificial boundaries of the states, so none of our global problems can be solved within the largely artificial boundaries of the nations."

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Regionalism as a Steeping Stone into Globalism



"The sovereign nations of the past can no longer solve the problems of the present; they cannot ensure their own progress or control their own future... And the European community itself is only a stage on the way to the organized world of tomorrow."

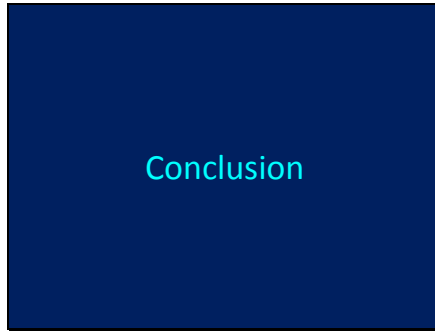
Jean Monnet, *Memoirs* (New York: Doubleday, 1978), 524.

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III. Foreign Affairs

B. Borders

1. The Biblical Case for Borders

Gen. 10:32-These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their **nations**; and out of these **the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.**

Deut 32:8-When the Most High gave the **nations** their inheritance, **When He separated the sons of ^[c]man, He set the boundaries of the peoples** According to the number of the sons of Israel

Acts 17:26-and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the **boundaries** of their habitation.

Ps. 2:8-Ask of Me, and I will surely give the ^[f]**nations** as Your inheritance, And the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession.

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

German Chancellor **Angela Merkel**- "Multiculturalism leads to parallel societies and therefore remains a 'life lie,' " or a sham, she said, before adding that Germany may be reaching its limits in terms of accepting more refugees. "The challenge is immense," she [said](#). "We want and we will reduce the number of refugees noticeably."

"Of course the tendency had been to say, 'Let's adopt the multicultural concept and live happily side by side, and be happy to be living with each other.' But this concept has failed, and failed utterly," she said in 2010.

Bryan Fischer well notes, "No one has a constitutional or moral right to immigrate to the United States. The Constitution gives Congress unilateral authority to decide under what conditions those from foreign lands are admitted into our country."

<http://www.afa.net/the-stand/immigration/2015/11/is-it-time-to-suspend-islamic-immigration/>

The fact of the matter is that America is the most **generous** country in the world when it comes to legal immigration. America accepts more immigrants than any other nation on the planet. America accepts over 800,000 legal immigrants per year.

The recent terrorist attack in **Paris** is largely believed to have been instigated by at least some unvetted Syrian War refugees that had crossed the national border...If ISIS, which claimed responsibility for the Paris attack, can infiltrate the unvetted Syrian refugees coming into Europe, the great fear among Americans is that ISIS has similarly infiltrated the Syrian refugees now pouring across the American border and into the United States.

Let's not forget that the "beltway sniper" **Lee Malvo**, who killed ten Americans and also injured three during his 2002 shooting spree, was an illegal immigrant from Jamaica. After being arrested in 2001, he was not deported but rather was released without bond. Ten Americans would be alive today had he been properly deported.

Romans 13:1-7- Every ^[a]person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except ^[b]from God, and those which exist are established by God. ² Therefore ^[c]whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon

themselves. ³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for ^[d]good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. ⁵ Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

1 Peter 2:13-17-Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent ^[p]by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ For ^[q]such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. ¹⁶ *Act* as free men, and ^[r]do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the ^[s]king.

Titus 3:1-Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed.

Roughly 1200 people come across the Rio Grande River daily and enter our country illegally.

2. Challenges to the Biblical Morality of Border Enforcement

David French summarizes the political left's use of Scripture to find support for its open borders policy:

Writing in the Guardian, **Giles Frazier** declared that there is “no respectable Christian argument for fortress Europe, surrounded by a new iron curtain of razor wire to keep poor, dark-skinned people out.” His theological argument is that both the Passover and the Eucharist are a call to “re-live basic human solidarity” with the refugee “in the face of existential fear and uncertainty.” Indeed, Jesus’s flight to Egypt was “deliberately sampling” the “basic foundational myth of Exodus.” **Mark Woods, a Baptist minister**, referred to the “stark and terrifying parable of the sheep and the goats,” where Jesus decrees, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” because “I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me.” **Think Progress** used this same scripture to condemn Christian governors who oppose allowing Syrian refugees into their states. **President Obama** himself used biblical imagery to taunt opponents of his refugee resettlement program as “scared of widows and orphans.” As a general matter, **advocates of open borders** often refer to [the] Mosaic law requiring the Israelites to treat the “foreigner residing with you” as if foreigners were “native-born,” and to “Love them as yourself, for you were

foreigners in Egypt.” The laws of Israel, they point out, applied equally to the “foreigner” and the “native-born.”

BLITZER: We have another — we have another question. We have another question from Facebook. Let’s listen. QUESTION: My name is Carla Hernandez. I’m from the University of Texas at Austin. And my question is directed to all the candidates. **If the Bible clearly states that we need to embrace those in need and not fear, how can we justify not accepting refugees?**

In Obama's speech defending his executive amnesty decision, Obama referenced a quote from the Bible, [Exodus 23:9](#), "Scripture tells us that we shall not oppress a stranger, for we know the heart of a stranger—we were strangers once, too."

Exod 22:21-You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Lev. 19:34- The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

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Ger ("stranger" or "alien")-"One who entered Israel and followed legal procedures to obtain recongized standing as a resident aline." James Hoffmeier, *The Immigration Crisis*, p. 52.

Ruth 1:16-But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you *or* turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where

you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.

Deut 23:3-No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD.

Bran Fischer well explains:

It emerged over the weekend that there are a staggering 1000 active, ongoing investigations into ISIS-affiliated Muslims right here, right now, in the United States. There are active ISIS investigations in all 50 states. Simple prudence dictates that until those cases can be wrapped up, all of them, we should not add to the caseload by bringing more possible jihadis into the country. It is a form of political insanity and suicide to do anything else. While some may argue that this is cold-hearted, let's not forget that God did exactly the same thing with the ancient Moabites. "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the Lord. Even to the 10th generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the Lord forever; because they did not meet you with bread and with water on the way ... and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor..." ([Deuteronomy 23:3](#)). Because of their ancient and abiding hostility toward Israel, God banned the Moabites, along with the Ammonites, from the assembly of Israel for 10 generations. Since a biblical generation was about 40 years, this was essentially a permanent ban on Moabite immigration, even though they shared a border with Israel. Bottom line: if banning immigration from hostile nations was acceptable to God, it certainly ought to be acceptable to us. Now rare exceptions certainly can be made. The Moabiteess Ruth was welcomed in Israel, in part because she committed herself

to full cultural and religious assimilation. “Your people shall be my people, and your God my God” ([Ruth 1:16](#)).

Conclusion

Numbers 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you;²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.