

God's Plan for the Nations

- Nations Created at Babel Genesis 10:32–11:9
- Why Nations? Genesis 9:4–6
 - Justice – capital punishment on murder based on man's creation in the image of God
 - Accountability. Nations answered to other nations, and God used nations to bring judgment on other nations
 - Organically constructed nations can help human flourishing through fostering civilization
- Justice and Accountability Judges 2:16–3:2, Jeremiah 25:15–32
- Organic Body Politic vs Artificial Construct Genesis 10:32, Genesis 11:9
 - Organic Nations begin with an ethnic core as extensions of the family.
 - This organic growth is centered on common language, which produces a common culture that defines the organic nation, which may become a cosmopolitan nation or melting pot
 - Non-natives can join this nation by marriage adoption through embracing language and culture of the new nation.
 - Assimilation is enhanced where the rule of law guarantees equal treatment of natives and non natives under the law
 - The absence of common culture and language destroys internal definition and regulation of a nation.
 - The absence of these means that the state becomes the only commonality and definition, and everything else merely a construct of the state
 - If everything is merely a construct of the state, then the state defines and dominates everything, functioning as god on earth
 - Once a common culture is destroyed, often nativist movements will emerge as a counter to this brand of statism
- The End of Nations Daniel 2:35–46