

The Theocratic Nation of Israel: (part one of a three part study)

It is beyond my comprehension why some American Evangelicals believe that the United States was founded for the purpose of establishing a New Testament Theocracy. Nothing could be further from the truth. The authors of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights make that clear at the outset in the First Amendment, where we read the following –

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

A theocracy is all about the establishment of one religion to the exclusion of all other religions. Based on this unmistakably clear assertion in the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights, the founding fathers desired for the United States to be the very opposite of a theocracy. Then why all this delusional fantasizing about establishing theocracies by our current generation of American Evangelical Christians? Because the nation of Israel, under the Mosaic Covenant was just that; with no justification or mandate, anywhere in the Word of God, for any other nation on this planet, in all of human history, for repeating what took place with the nation of Israel, in the context their covenantal relationship with God.

So why confuse and conflate Israel under the Mosaic Covenant, with any other nation, for the purpose of pursuing this pretense in establishing theocracies, when the requirement for every Christian during the Church Age is the Great Commission? Because a group of Evangelical pied pipers, who are more familiar with politics and psychology than the Bible, have been successful in leading God’s people astray. They have distorted, misquoted and misapplied two Old Testament texts, both of which are exclusive to Israel, in order to validate their counterfeit agenda for theocratic nation building. The first is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14 –

“... and [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

The larger context of this verse is critical in understanding its significance as well as its relevance. That will be our focus next. But for now, consider the immediate context in v13 where God warns King Solomon regarding a judgment of drought or locusts or some other pestilence on the land. What “land” is God promising to heal and restore from such a judgment? Is it not the “land” which God promised to give to Abraham and his descendants? So what Biblical warrant is there for extending this promise to any other land, anywhere, in all of human history? There is none!