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"BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"



"A SHORT HISTORY OF THE COSMOS" "DIVIDING THE NATIONS" I. THE LONG, HARD WAR AGAINST GOD'S AUTHORITY AND LEADERSHIP

- A. Who will control the kingdom of God? The longsuffering of God
- B. The <u>two</u> <u>way</u> conflict between two leadership groups; A conflict started by Lucifer; knowing good and evil

II. THE TOWER OF BABEL AND GOD'S DISCIPLINE OF THE NATIONS

- A. The problem: the people gathered at Babel to be their own <u>authority</u>: rejection of <u>God</u>, rejection of <u>divine</u> council; the <u>fourth</u> transgression
- B. Discipline of the Most High God
 - 1. God's <u>wrath</u>: let them have what they want; remove His resistance; it is self afflicting Rom 1:18-32
 - 2. He confuses their languages separating them into multiple linguistic groups and <u>disinherits</u> them Deut. 32:1-9
 - 3. He <u>scatters</u> them all over the world and sets <u>boundaries</u> for them Gen 11; Acts 17:24-31
 - 4. He puts them under the divine council
 - A. Each linguistic group has at least one of the divine council members over them; to teach them in the ways of the LORD

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- b. Each group will become a <u>nation</u> with its own <u>geographical</u> region and council member over it; this will be the basis of <u>principalities</u>; this is called cosmic geography by Dr. Heiser
- c. The fifth transgression is the members of the council assuming a <u>greater</u> role than given and becoming "<u>gods</u>"; the people will make images of them and worship them
- 5. Even though disinheriting them, like at Eden, He is full of mercy and is providing them a way of delivery and salvation Gen 12

III. GOD'S SELECTION OF ISRAEL AS HIS OWN POSSESSION

- A. Choosing Jacob as His portion Deu 32:9
- B. The call and promise to <u>Abraham</u> Gen 12:1-3; 22:16-18
- C. A <u>land</u> promised, surrounded by nations of the divine council; then occupied by the nations and their gods
- D. Changing Jacob's name to Israel
- E. Out of the land under <u>bondage</u> to Egypt/gods
- F. The showdown and delivery the Exodus
- G. The giving of the law to correct the account of the cosmos/covenant with Israel Gal 3:19
- H. The coming Seed to whom the promise was made Gal 3:19; 15-18; 21-25; Col 1:15-22; 2:11-15