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A Bible study on illegal immigration

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We know what George Bush thinks.

We know what the Minutemen say.

We even sort of know what Hillary Clinton believes about illegal immigration.

But what does God have to say about it?

That should be of paramount concern to any believer before taking a position. Yet, I seldom hear it discussed. Some might even suggest the Bible is silent on the issue.

So let's take a look at this issue from a biblical perspective.

Nations were first established by God as a judgment in Genesis 11. Remember the Tower of Babel story? It seems there was a man named Nimrod who attempted to set up the first world government and the first false religion.

After the Flood, God decreed that man should scatter across the whole earth and be fruitful and multiply. But, about 100 years later, a large contingent of men, under the leadership of Nimrod, whose very name means "let us revolt or rebel," decided they would settle in Shinar and build a tower to make a name for themselves.

God foiled this plan by scattering them around the world and creating new languages among the new nations that were thus established.

Make no mistake about it: Nation-states are an invention of the Creator – a deliberately chosen device to serve His purposes.

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That's what we're told in Acts 17:26-27: That God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord."

Ultimately, the purpose of nation-states seems to be to restrain Satan's efforts at creating his kingdom on earth. That will happen eventually – only when God Himself permits it in His timing, as shown in Revelation 17:17: "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." But nation-states serve another purpose as well – to be God's instruments on earth for meting out justice and providing protection for the people. (Deuteronomy 17:14-17)

Ultimately, the debate about borders and illegal immigration is a debate about national sovereignty. You have heard it said that if we don't have borders, we don't have countries. It's really true – especially when two countries very different from one another in language, culture and economy share a 2,000-mile border as do Mexico and the U.S.

Illegal immigration didn't just happen because no one was paying attention. President Bush made it clear on any number of occasions that he believed it made good economic sense to allow millions and millions of illegal aliens to enter our country, in spite of our laws, because they were willing to do work Americans weren't willing to do.

He didn't try to change the laws first. As chief executive of the country, Bush simply decided not to enforce the laws of the land. That was wrong. It was immoral. It was illegal. It was a violation of his constitutional oath of office.

Furthermore, the problem didn't begin with Bush. Back in 1993, the North American Free Trade Agreement was approved by Congress and Bush's predecessor, Bill Clinton. This agreement, which was supposed to stem the tide of illegal immigration by stimulating the economy of Mexico, had the exact opposite effect. It wrecked it beyond all recognition, stimulating, instead, a massive exodus of Mexican workers to the U.S. trying to provide for their families.

Again, this was no accident. It was not just a mistake. It was, I believe, an effort to "harmonize" the two countries – to begin integrating them, erasing the differences between them, mixing the populations to such an extent that discussions of merging the three major North American nations along the lines of the European Union would no longer seem inappropriate.

In other words, what is happening in North America and Europe and Africa and Asia – breaking down the barriers of nation-state sovereignty – is not that much different from what happened back in the days of the Tower of Babel.

It is, ultimately, about moving away from differences between nations that God Himself created for His own divine purposes. It is about following the path of Nimrod and all the others who have attempted to build super-states in defiance of God.

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