

## CITIZEN A OF CLIENT NATION

**Request:** “Can you show us from the word of God what qualifies a candidate for the presidency of the USA?”

NO! But the second article of the Constitution of the USA explains the qualifications of a candidate for the presidency of the USA.

- He must be a natural born citizen of USA.
- He must be at least 35 years of age.
- He must be a resident of the USA for at least 14 years.

This lesson will address the Christians responsibility as a citizen of a client nation such as USA. It will give a brief background of biblical history of nations and the role of USA as a client nation.

**We will study six aspects of the Christian’s responsibility of dual citizenship**

**. A Christian living in USA is a citizen of kingdom of God as well as a citizen of the client nation of USA.**

### **1. We need to begin by introducing the origin of nations in biblical history (Gen.10-11).**

Nations came into existence as a result of divine discipline of the Noahic flood (Deut.32:7-8).

This is important because it occurred during our civilization, the postdiluvian civilization (Gen.10:31-32).

The postdiluvian civilization extends from Noahic flood to the Millennium age (2 Pet.3:5-7).

Diversity of languages and scattering of these nations resulted from divine discipline of the Tower of Babel (Gen.11:1-9).

“But God is the Judge; He puts down one, and exalts another.” (Ps.75:7)

### **2. With the establishment of the divine institution of nation, Satan attacks it like all the other divine institutions.**

“And threw him (Satan) into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should **not deceive the nations any longer**, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.” (Rev.20:3)

Satan will aggressively attack nations until the end of the Millennium Age. After reading Job 12:23-25, identify seven areas of God’s responsibility to nations.

“By Me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By Me princes rule, and nobles, all who judge rightly.” (Prov.8:15-16)

**3. After the Tower of Babel discipline, God chose Abraham out of the Shemite family to become the father of the Israelite nation (Gen.11:27-32; John 8:37-44, 56-58).**

Five different forms of governments ruled in the theocracy of the nation of Israel: Patriarchs; Moses and elders; Judges; Kings (Jer.22:30); and finally Messiah (Isa.2:4; 9:6-7; 11:3-5).

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” (Rev.11:15)

**4. After the fall of the priest-nation of Israel to Babylon (586BNC) and to Rome (70AD), Gentile nations would rule until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Gen.12:1-3; Ex.19:4-6).**

This is the biblical dispensation of the Church Age. “And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” (Luke 21:24; Jer.30:7)

This is our period of biblical history (Eph.3:1-11).

A client nation is one that has been chosen by God to protect Israelites and the Church living in it (Ps.75:7). USA is a client nation.

**5. The believer’s citizenship of the kingdom of God has priority over his citizenship to client nation. His spiritual emphasis always supercedes his political emphasis in a client nation (Matt.22:21; Acts 4:19-20; 5:29).**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matt.5:13-14)

As Christians, We have specific responsibilities towards our client nation.

- Rom.13:1-7 –
- 1 Pet.2:13-17 –
- 1 Tim.2:1-4 –
- Titus 3:1-2, 8 –

We are ambassadors for Christ to the world (2 Cor.5:18-21). One day we will judge the world (1 Cor.6:2). “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household.” (Eph.2:19)

**6. A client nation in spiritual and moral decline can become cruel towards each other and especially against Christians but not apart from the plan of God (Acts 1:8; 8:1-3; 1 Cor.15:9; Gal.1:1-3; Phil.3:6).**

“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created by Him and for Him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Col.1:16-17)

Jesus Christ is not only in control of the Church but also of the client nation and of the universe.

**Consider the candidate for president who understand that we are a Constitutional Republic and who believes that Americans are “endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights.”**