

# THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;  
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,  
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God  
IN CHRIST JESUS.***

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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***The Kingdom of Our Lord #18.***

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***Maker of Heaven & Earth***

**This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.** (Genesis 2:4 NASB)

I believe that all understanding and acknowledgement of the kingdom of God must begin with this one verse from Genesis, the book of beginnings, for it declares that there is a Creator of all things. When He called forth what could be called the first theocratic nation (under the one true God) and gave the nation His Ten Commandments, the Lord reminded them that He is the Creator of all and that in seven days He brought forth all that is on earth and in the sky above the earth.

**“For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.”** (Exodus 20:11 NASB)

This lays one of the foundational truths about the kingdom, especially the kingdom of our Lord, which is the seventh day or the last 1,000-year age [eon] for our present earth before a new earth comes into view in God's Day.

The problem is that most of the nations that have existed and most that currently exist on earth do not acknowledge that there is one Creator of all things. They fail to humble themselves before the Creator and declare that **for Him and through Him and to Him are all things; to Him be the glory forever** (Romans 11:36). This failure is either through ignorance, neglect, or rejection of this truth.

Few nations have been founded on the principle that there is a Creator. As I wrote in issue #03-09153, August 24, 2009, *Seated in the Chair of Moses #3*, the United States of America, as a modern-world nation, is rather unique in this sense, for it was founded on the principle of a Creator. When our founding father's declared their independence from the King of England, they began the Declaration of Independence with the acknowledgement that there is a Creator and He alone establishes the unalienable rights of people [inalienable; rights that cannot be taken away or transferred].

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.**

This is a profound declaration that is unique among the nations of the world, both past and present. If there was ever a nation that purposed to establish God's kingdom on earth, it was the United States. Unfortunately, the US no longer lives up to this declaration as more and more rights are being taken away by the Federal government, and God the Creator has been pushed out of the government and life in the public square of America.

The US, along with all the nations of the world, needs to declare there is a Maker of heaven and earth. All need to humble themselves before the Almighty God of heaven and earth. The nations have created their own gods that they look to in order to guide and lead them. They are the idols of Mystery Babylon.

**For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.** (Psalm 96:5 NASB)

But there is more, for it is not just about acknowledging a god as a creator but about acknowledging **the** God who is **the** Creator. The Creator of all things is none other than the Son of God, and any true acknowledgment of the kingdom of God must begin with God's Son, the visible image of the invisible God. After all, the seventh day is about the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (Revelation 11:15).

**For by Him [i.e., the Son] 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 through Him and for Him.** (Colossians 1:16 NASB)

The nations must come to acknowledge that their very existence is in the hands of God. Through Jeremiah the prophet, we are given the word of the Lord on the matter.

**“At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; (8) if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. (9) Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it; (10) if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will think better of the good with which I had promised to bless it.”** (Jeremiah 18:7-10 NASB)

In other words, God judges the nations, and He can, and does, pull them down, build them up, or plant them. It is His call. Have you ever considered why the life-cycle of nations generally does not exceed 200 years? It is God's doing. Consider Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom.

**You be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes. ... (34) “But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. (35) “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’** (Daniel 4:25; 34-35 NASB; also Daniel 4:32)

It took seven periods of discipline before this mighty ruler, who God called “My Servant,” was brought to the place of humility and to acknowledge that the Most High is the ruler over the realm of mankind, and He alone can do anything that He wants with His creation. It is His right as Creator and Ruler of His creation. Who of creation can say to the Creator: “What have You done?”

As the Creator, God has absolute right over His creation; the right to set the rules (laws) by which it governs and operates, to set the boundaries of the nations, to set the leaders of the nations, and to set the times and epochs through which the nations and its people move and exist. After all, **God... in these last days did speak to us in a Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He did make the ages [eons]** (Hebrews 1:2 YLT [CV]), and He has declared: **‘For the land is Mine’** (Leviticus 25:23 NASB).

If we are to understand the kingdom of our Lord, we must understand that He makes the ages or eons, and the land is His. In other words, both time and place belong to the Lord. He has set six days for man (**Man's Day**) and one day for the Lord (**Lord's Day**), but the nations are ignorant of the signs of the day as the **Stone Kingdom** has begun to crush **Mystery Babylon** into dust (Daniel 2:31-35). Some nations will continue to ignore the signs once the kingdom begins to take root, and like Nebuchadnezzar, they too will have seven periods of discipline (Matthew 25:31-46). Further, the nations have taken possession of the land as if it were theirs and, in the process, are enslaving their people to man's form of government, which, again, is **Mystery Babylon**. They treat the land as if it were their right to possess, control, and tax rather than seeing that people are granted the privilege by God to use His land, which is His creation. For this reason, as the kingdom of our Lord takes root among the nations, God will uproot some, build up some, and plant some. It is His right.

It is time for the nations to heed the word of God: **“Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters”** (Revelation 14:7 NASB). It is time to acknowledge the Maker of heaven and earth, **for He is coming to judge the earth** (Psalm 96:13).