THE BIBLE AND VOTING

Part 14



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Introductory Remarks

- A stewardship issue (1 Cor. 4:2)
- A biblical issue (2 Tim. 3:16)
- Biblical principles rather than partisanship

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Economic Issues

1. Ownership of private property? (Deut. 19:15)
2. Pursuit of economic self interest? (Gen. 8:21)
3. Proper definition of compassion? (2 Thess. 3:10)
4. Who provides charity? (1 Tim. 5:3-8)
5. Family is the building block of society? (Deut. 6:6-7)
6. Wealth retained within the family? (Prov. 13:22)
7. The earth experiences cyclical patterns? (Gen. 8:22)
8. Environmental stewardship rather than earth worship? (Rom. 1:22-23)
9. Opposition to runaway debt? (Prov. 22:7)
10. Limitations upon the government? (Acts 5:29)

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Social Issues

1. Legal protection for the unborn? (Gen. 25:23)
2. Legal protection for the elderly? (Lev. 19:32)
3. Hetero-sexual monogamous marriage as the standard for society? (Gen. 2:18-25)
4. Advocacy capital punishment? (Gen. 9:6)
5. The right to restrict alcohol, pornography, & gambling? (Lev. 10:9; Matt. 5:27-28; Prov. 13:11)
6. Parental authority over children? (Eph. 6:4)
7. Public expressions of Christianity? (Mark 16:15)
8. Right to keep and bear arms? (Luke 22:36)

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A. Poverty

B. Lack of education

C. American imperialism



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A. Depravity

B. Radical ideology



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III. Terrorism's Ineffective Deterrents

A. Military reduction
B. Appeasement
C. Dialogue
D. Treaties
E. Subsidies
F. Apology tours



Ecclesiastes 8:11

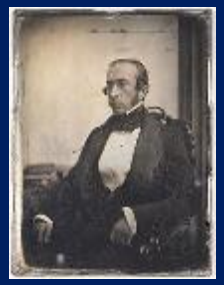
“Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.”



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"All societies of men must be governed in some way or other. The less they may have of stringent State Government, the more they must have of individual self-government. The less they rely on public law or physical force, the more they must rely on private moral restraint. **Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled, either by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the Word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible, or by the bayonet.** It may do for other countries and other governments to talk about the State supporting religion. Here, under our own free institutions, it is Religion which must support the State."

Robert Winthrop, *Addresses and Speeches on Various Occasions* (Boston, MA: Little, Brown, 1852), 172. Speech to the Massachusetts Bible Society (1849-05-28).

Genesis 9:6

"Whoever **sheds man's blood, By man** his blood shall be shed, For in the **image of God** He made man."



Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

Name	Noahic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant	Mosaic Covenant
Human agent	Noah	Abraham	Moses
Scripture	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
Covenant (*Berith*)	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 15:18	Exod. 19:5
Party	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
Israel	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel

Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

	Noahic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant	Mosaic Covenant
Conditional or unconditional	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
Promises	No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
Sign	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
Purpose	Restrain & preserve	Redemptive	Redemptive
Directly binding today?	Yes	No	No

Romans 13:3-5

“For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But **if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing**; for it is a minister of God, **an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil**.”



1 Peter 2:13-14

"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to **governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers** and the praise of those who do right."



Deuteronomy 13:10-11

"So you shall **stone him to death** because he has sought to seduce you from the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Then **all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing** among you."




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Answering Pacifism's Arguments

A. Violence begets violence?

B. Trust God?

C. World court resolution?



D. Love your neighbor (Matt. 22:39)

E. Turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:39)

F. Thou shalt not kill? (Exod. 20:13)

Wayne Grudem, *Politics According to the Bible*, 390-94

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V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism? Just War Principles

A. Just cause
B. Competent authority
C. Comparative justice
D. Right intention
E. Last resort
F. Probability of success (Luke 14:31)
G. Proportionality of projected results
H. Right spirit



"War" in *ESV Study Bible*, 255

V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism? How to Fight a Just War

A. Proportionality in the use of force (Deut. 20:10-12)

B. Discrimination between combatants & non-combatants (Deut. 20:13-14)

C. Avoidance of evil means

D. Good faith



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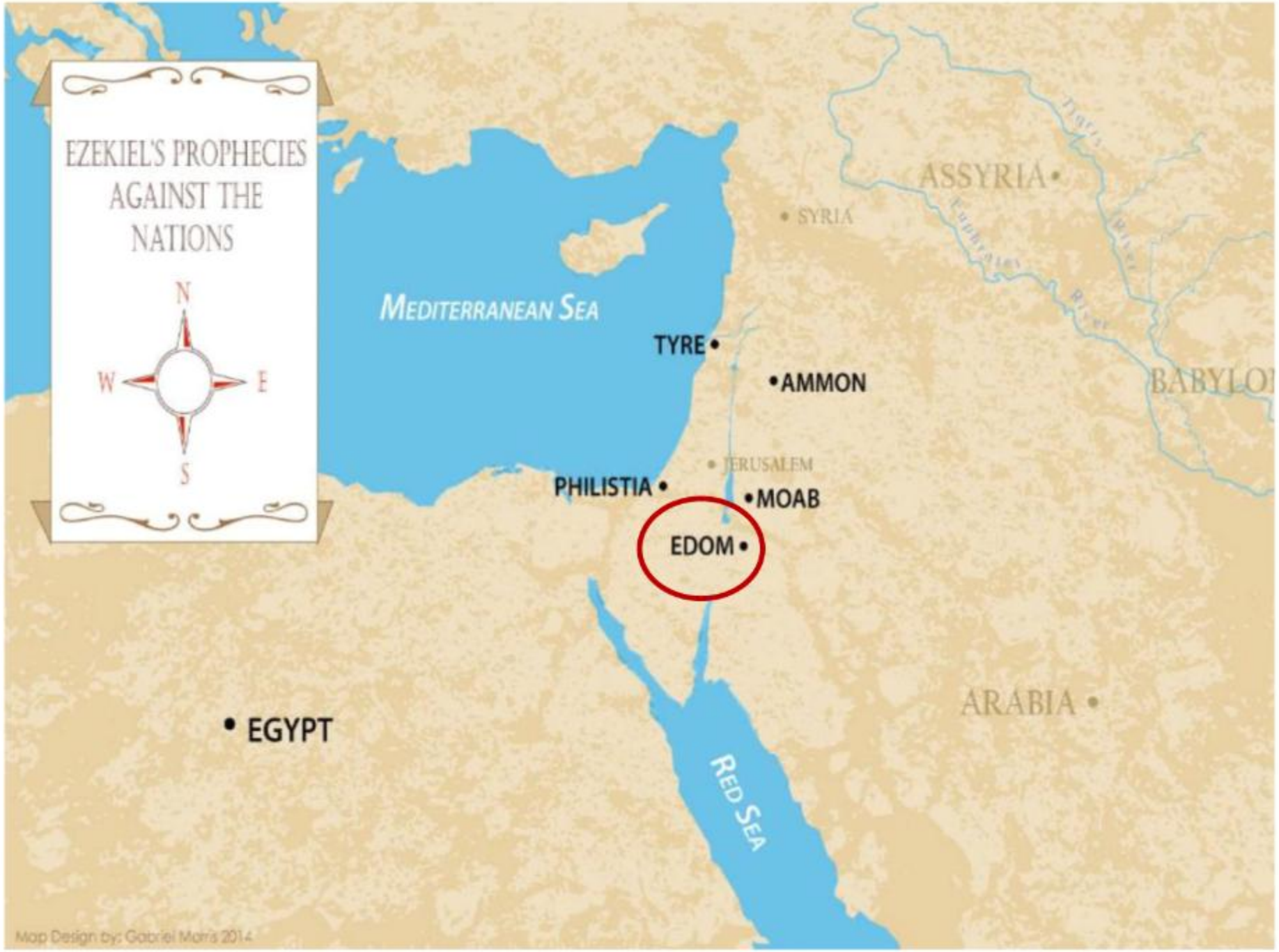
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Obadiah 11

“On the day that you stood aloof, On the day that strangers carried off his wealth, And foreigners entered his gate And cast lots for Jerusalem—You too were as one of them.”



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Enhanced Interrogation Limitations

A. Immorality

B. Denial of medical treatment

C. Sadistic humiliation

D. Violation of religious convictions

E. Causing lasting physical damage



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