



Biblical View of World Order

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Overview

World Order according to the Humanist Worldview

- “International Anarchy” as entry point to understanding the “why” behind world politics among the nations
 - Realism
 - Liberal Institutionalism
 - Constructivism

World Order according to the Biblical Worldview

- “International anarchy” as entry point to understanding the “why” behind world politics among the nations? Hint: Its not.....

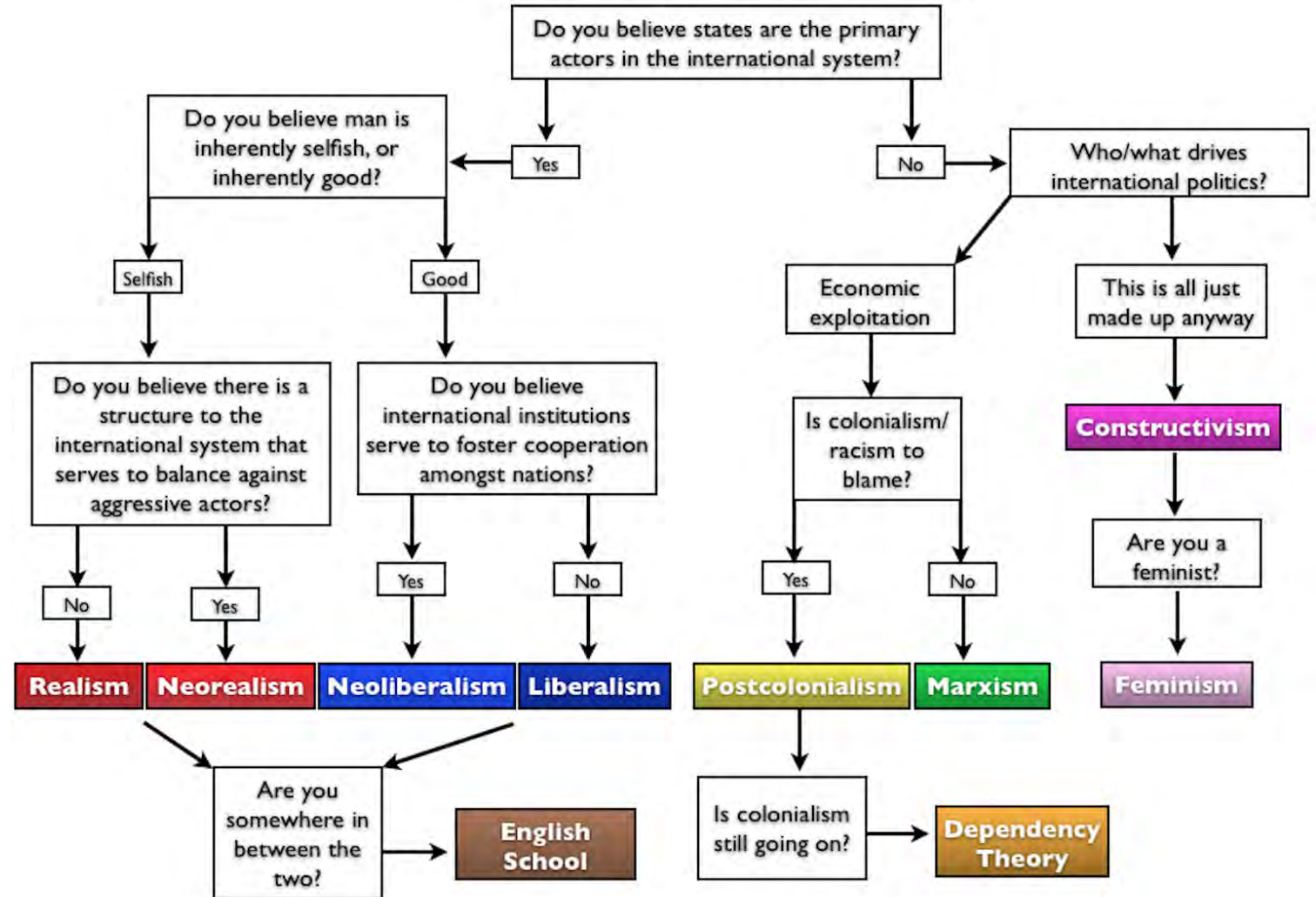
World Order According to Humanist Worldview

- To contemporary International Relations (IR) theorists and practitioners, the entry point to any discussion on the relationship between the nations is the concept of “international anarchy.”
- What does it mean?
 - “a state of disorder due to absence of authority or other controlling system above the nation-state”
 - Begins in humanism that there is no authority above self as humanity is the dominant being in evolution and is advancing towards perfection
 - Mankind is authoritative and sovereign
 - There is no world government, or central authority above that of the nation-state, tribe, kingdom, empire, etc.
 - As such, each nation-state is sovereign over their territory, governance, etc.
 - Its “what the state makes of it.”



“Solutions” Three Main IR Theories

IR theory flow chart



Realism

Realism entails a spectrum of ideas, which tend to revolve around several central propositions, such as:

- 1.State Centricism:** states are the central actors in international politics, rather than leaders or international organizations;
- 2.Anarchy:** the international political system is anarchic, as there is no supranational authority to enforce rules;
- 3.Rationality** and/or egoism: states act in their rational self-interest within the international system; and
- 4.Power:** states desire power to ensure self-preservation. **MUST BE MORE POWERFUL**



Liberal Institutionalism

This is a school of thought within international relations theory which revolves around three interrelated principles:

- Rejection of power politics as the only possible outcome of international relations; it questions security/warfare principles of realism
- Mutual benefits and international cooperation
- The role of international organizations and nongovernmental actors in shaping state preferences and policy choices
- This school of thought emphasizes three factors that encourage more cooperation and less conflict among states:
 - International institutions, such as the United Nations, which provide a forum to resolve disputes in non-violent ways
 - International trade because, when countries' economies are interconnected through trade, they are less likely to go to war with each other
 - Spread of democracy, as well-established democracies do not go to war with one another, so if there are more democracies, interstate war will be less frequent
- **Interdependence is Key to peace and order in world politics to this group. Proponents of global government as the solution- Connection to Social Darwinism-Mankind is Improving**



Constructivism

- Based in *Post-Modern Philosophy and Social Constructionist* views
- This theory asserts that significant aspects of international relations are shaped by ideational factors.
 - The most important ideational factors are those that are collectively held; these collectively held beliefs construct the **interests** and **identities** of actors.
- Constructivists see identities and interests of actors as socially constructed and changeable; identities are not static and cannot be exogenously assumed.
- Similar to rational choice, constructivism does not make broad and specific predictions about international relations; it is an approach to studying international politics, not a substantive theory of international politics.
- Constructivist analyses can only provide substantive explanations or predictions once the relevant actors and their interests have been identified, as well as the content of social structures.
- Alexander Wendt is one of the most prominent proponents of this.



Biblical View of World Order

- International Anarchy is part of the biblical description of the relationship between the nations of Earth.
 - Anarchy is the **denial/rejection** of authority or established order
- Origins of the denial and rejection of God as sovereign:
 - Genesis 3 (The Fall of Mankind)- “Rejection of God’s Word and Authority”
 - Genesis 10:9 (Generations of Noah)-”Table of Nations”
 - Genesis 11 (Tower of Babel)- “Creation of multiple language groups into nations”



Europe

ASIA

**Table of Nations
Genesis 10**

Magog

Gomer

Meshech

Tiras

Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Javan

Tubal

Lud

Asshur

Mediterranean Sea

Madai

Canaan

Arphaxad

Elam

Lud

Aram

Cush

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Africa

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Hindustan

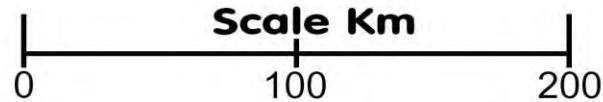
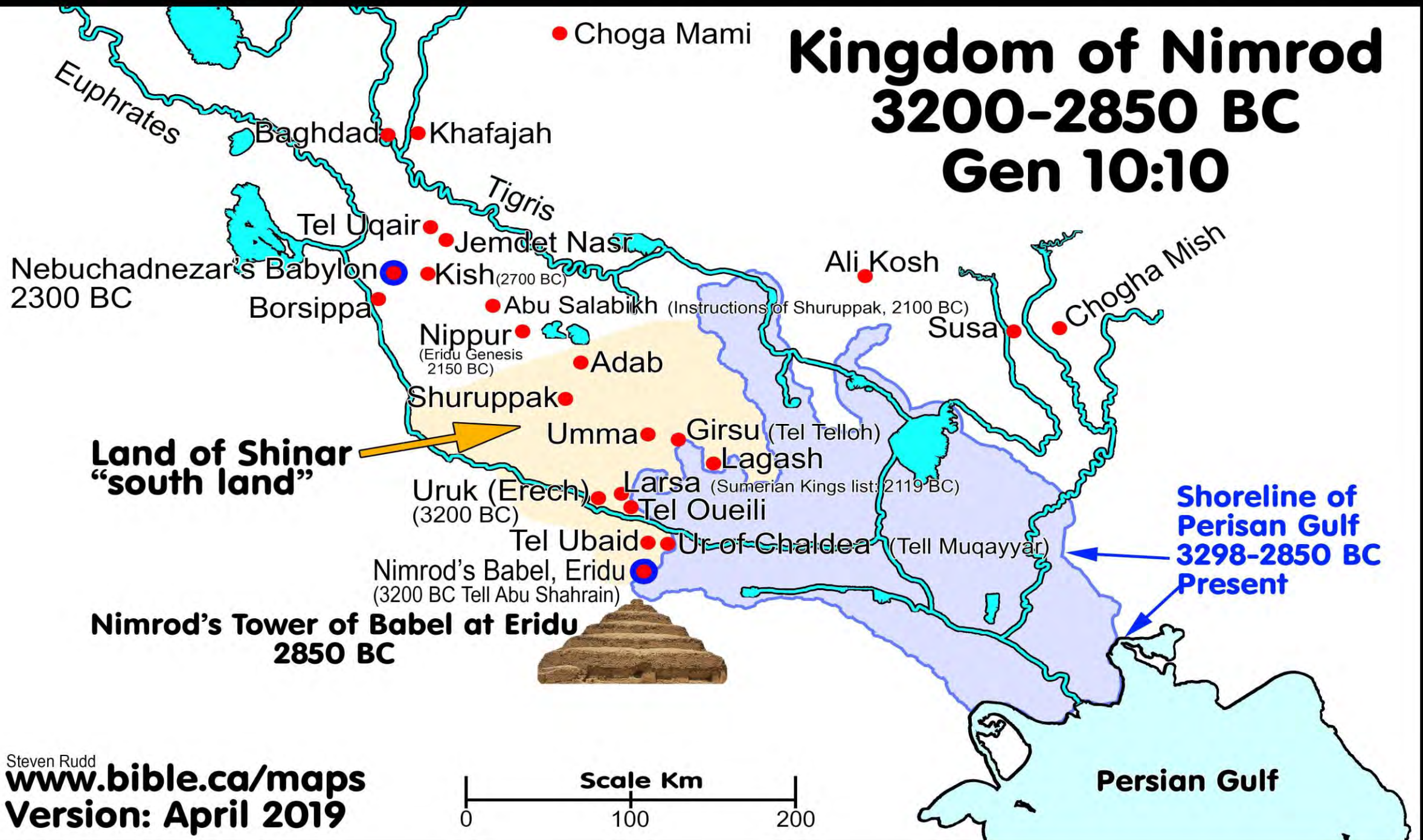
Arabia

Indian Ocean

Mizarim

Cush

Kingdom of Nimrod 3200-2850 BC Gen 10:10





The Biblical View of World Order

- God is still sovereign over the nations and the universe, even with the Fall!
- Acts 17:26. (God made borders) God has determined the borders of the nations
- Rom 13:1-7 (God created human government)
- Good government vs. Tyrannical government
 - 1 Sam 8 (Rejection of God and the seizure of Absolute Power to a Man over others)
 - Description of tyranny (1 Sam 8)
 - Righteousness of leaders –Gideon/Cincinnatus
 - Restraint vs Right in own eyes (Judg 21:25)
- Falsehood of “Divine Right of Kings”
- “No King but King Jesus” American Revolution



American Founding-Christian Worldview

“To the kindly influence of Christianity, we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys...Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican form of government, and all blessings which flow from them, must fall with them.- Jedidiah Morse

“We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people...it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.- John Quincy Adams

How will this “anarchy” end according to the Bible? Solution-

- Christ will defeat the opposition alliance between the Anti-Christ/nations at Megiddo
- Christ will set up His world government in Jerusalem and reign as the true sovereign over the Earth for one thousand years
- God will destroy the old earth and create a new heaven and new earth for eternity





God Reigns
Supreme

Psalm 93