



**Clanking Chains: Client Nation Arrogance: Prosperity: 2 Peter 1:5-11; Discipline: Rev 2:23b;
The Lord's "Wall of Fire": Zech 2:5**

v. 5 - Now for this very reason, having made every effort [**utilization of the three spiritual skills**], furnish or supply [ἐπιχορηγέω, *epichorēgeō*: as a choral director] by means of your faith [**positive volition toward doctrinal teachings**] (1) humility, and with your humility (2) knowledge,

v. 6 - and with knowledge (3) self-discipline, and with self-discipline (4) stability, and with stability (5) piety [**motivation from reciprocity in the double column advance**];

v. 7 - and with piety (6) unconditional love toward your fellow believer and with unconditional love toward your fellow believer (7) virtue love [**unconditional love for all mankind, personal love for God, and occupation with Christ**].

v. 8 - [**protasis**] For if these attributes in the chorus are habitually yours [**left column incentive**] and they keep on increasing through momentum [**right column motivation**], [**apodosis**] they will prevent you from being useless and inefficient or unproductive.

2 Peter 2:9 - For he who does not have these attributes is blind and nearsighted, furthermore he has forgotten the cleansing [καθαρισμός, *katharismos*: **purification from rebound**] from his former sins.

v. 10 - Therefore, fellow believers, be more motivated [**increase reciprocal love by means of continued left column incentive**] to make your efficacious grace and your election to privilege a spiritual reality [βέβαιος, *bebaios*: **a legally guaranteed security: conveyance of escrow blessings in time are contingent upon fulfillment of the conditions of the escrow agreement**] for by persistently doing these things [**the Magnificent Seven virtues that take the believer from humility to occupation with Christ**] that cause more motivation, you will never, ever stumble [πταίω, *ptaiō*: **to go astray; Scot: gang aft agley**] into prolonged carnality.

v. 11 - For in this manner, your entrance into the eternal kingdom [**evaluation throne of Christ**] of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied [**conveyance of escrow blessing for eternity at the presentation of the Nike Awards**].

Jesus Christ pulls a daily inventory of the doctrinal content of believers' souls. The provision of blessings to the client nation or the administration of divine discipline to it is determined by the status of this inventory. The greater the inventory of doctrine in the souls of believers, the greater the prosperity. Conversely, the lesser the inventory of doctrine, the greater the intensity of discipline to the client nation. Thus, historical trends in the client nation are determined by the doctrinal inventory in the streams of consciousness of believers and these trends are controlled by Jesus Christ. This principle is confirmed in:

Revelation 2:23b - ... I am He who constantly inventories the emotions and the stream of consciousness, and I will impose punishment to each of you according to your production from the cosmic system.



I submit that the spiritual decline that has taken place in client nation America over the past 50 years has been the result of pastors being co-opted into the philosophy of the Frankfurt School. Further, their failure to communicate truth to their flocks has resulted in two generations of believers who are ignorant of truth, who have bought the lie, and therefore have become witnesses for the defense in the appeal trial of Satan.

Because this large body of believers has minimal inventory of divine thought, the Lord has no obligation to protect the United States to the degree He has in the past. National discipline is designed to jar and shake the people of a client nation into (1) realization of carnal status and habitual wrongdoing; (2) the need for a divine solution, accomplished though (3) salvation through faith alone in Christ alone, or (4) a return to the teachings of Bible doctrine under those pastors who have held the line; and (5) the resumption of the collective spiritual advance in the double-column phalanx.

In order to warn a client nation that it is off course spiritually, the Lord will permit certain historical events to occur in order to alert some and goad others back into wheel-tracks of righteousness. In the history of a client nation, there are untold numbers of events that Jesus Christ does not permit to occur. He protects His enclave from Lucifer's overt assaults on behalf of a large and growing Pivot. However, when the Pivot shrinks and a large number of believers are in reversionism, the Lord allows certain historical events to occur. This takes place under His permissive will. What does occur is an example of what has been overruled in the past. It must be understood that the Lord does not encourage or motivate antagonists to attack us. Where in the past He has prevented their schemes from occurring, in time of historical downtrends in the client nation he simply permits them to take place. This is illustrated by the concept of lifting the "wall of fire," a metaphor found in:

Zechariah 2:5 - For I, saith the Lord, will be unto Jerusalem a wall of fire
[חֹמַת אֵשׁ / *chomah esh* / : a protective wall of fire] round about, and I will
be the glory in the midst of her.

In the metaphor of Zechariah 2:5 the Lord promises Jerusalem that He will personally protect her as if she were defended by an outer wall made of fire.

The pronoun "I" is emphatic stressing the Lord's personal presence as protector of client nation Israel, best translated, "I myself." He then gives His personal signature to the promise "saith the Lord."

What He promises Israel is to be her "wall of fire." The word "fire" is אֵשׁ / *esh* / and is used figuratively for the Lord's presence, e.g., the burning bush, the pillar of fire, or the Shekinah Glory. It is also used figuratively as an instrument of divine power employed in the protection of His people.

The Lord promises to be a protective "wall of fire" and the "glory in the midst" of millennial Jerusalem may be used to illustrate divine protection of client nations in the Church Age. The "wall of fire" is impenetrable unless the Lord Himself decides to lift its barrier of protection as a part of national discipline to a client nation in decline.

The Shekinah Glory is literally "in the midst" of a client nation through the indwelling ministry of Christ. When enough believers have made the advance to the sophisticated spiritual life the Shekinah Glory becomes a protective wall of fire for the entire nation.

When this Pivot is strong then the Lord's Glory protects the client nation. His "wall of fire" cannot be penetrated by predator nations. We have learned this concept from Leviticus 26:3-12.



However, we have also learned that when the Pivot is weak, the glory remains with mature believers but the client nation becomes accountable to the cycles of discipline. Under permissive will the wall of fire is lifted to allow the insurgents inside the gates. Such a circumstance is brought about by widespread rejection of establishment order by the general population and a loss of doctrinal order by believers. The warning against this is found in Leviticus 26:14 and following.

When a client nation fails to respond to the alert system imposed by the five cycles of discipline then under the fifth cycle the “glory” is withdrawn:

Harris, R. Laird (ed.). *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980), 1:207:

הָאֵרָא \ *hathar*: glory. The children of God have no indigenous glory of their own. If God departs the glory departs. Hence, this is a gift from God but it is still revocable.

The Lord will once again lower His wall of fire of protection around the United States of America if pastors resume their duties and believers respond in kind.