

The World System

- I. The term “world system” is used to describe Satan’s organization of mankind on earth.
 1. The world system was designed to curb man’s sin nature (Eph. 2:2-3; 1 Jn. 2:15-17).
 2. The world system is designed to oppose God (1 Jn. 2:15).
 3. The world system began after Cain murdered Able (Gen. 4:16-24 *cf.* Lu. 11:50-51).
- II. Urbanization is the element that enables all other elements of the world system (Gen. 4:17).
 1. Before the world system people were spread out and self-sufficient (Gen. 1:29).
 2. After the world system people will spread out and be self-sufficient (Is. 65:21-25).
 3. Urbanization intensifies the attraction of possessing things, brings rules, and appeals to zeal, envy, selfishness, strife, cliques/class system: all works of the flesh
- III. Human government (Gen. 4:23-24 *cf.* Rom. 13:4).
 1. The higher the density of population more rules are imposed.
 2. There is an unseen power behind human rule.
 - 1) Manipulation by spirit beings (1 Cor. 2:8; Jn. 12:31; 14:30).
 - 2) Satan is the ruler of all human governments (Lu. 4:5-6).
 - 3) Human government appeals to zeal, greed (a form of idolatry) selfishness, anger, envy, strife.
- IV. Can a spiritual Christian be effective at a high role in government?
 1. Who are his friends? (Jam. 4:4).
 2. Where is his loyalty (Phil. 3:20).
 3. How can he be optimistic, knowing that Satan is in charge and that the world system will be destroyed?
 4. Answer: **NO!** Which proves to us that we should not get too consumed with politics. Be aware of those encroaching upon our Christian lifestyle; however, we are not to try to change the social order (Rom. 13:1-4; 1 Pet. 3:13-17; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 4:1). Politics are not worth arguing about with other Christians. It will not change them or change the government.