

Demonism (part 24)

Ten ways Satan is effectively paving the way for the Antichrist.

#1, Globalism, One-World Order.

#2, Occultism.

#3, Apostasy.

#4, Worldwide Web.

#5, Animosity towards Israel.

#6, Buildup of the kings of the east, Asian power.

#7, Buildup of the king of the north, Russian power.

#8, Buildup of Europe (the European Common Market), the Revived Roman Empire.

#9, Preparation of the Jews to accept the False Prophet.

#10, Destruction of the United States as we presently know it.

#5, Animosity towards Israel.

1. Before one can understand the antagonism toward Israel, it is necessary to understand God's unique plan for that nation and people.
2. Israel continues to be the most focal nation on planet Earth. Politically, Israel is front-page news almost every day. Consider Israel in our own American political news: a couple of days ago (9-5-12), the Democratic Party platform which had omitted mentioning Jerusalem as the capital of Israel recanted after much pressure and "voted" to have it put back in the platform. I say "voted" because it was a sham: it required 2/3 vote, yet clearly there were not 2/3 of voices for the affirmation. However, that did not matter, because the liberals really do not care what the people want or think—not even their own people. The point I want to make here is that there was as much as 50% *vocal* opposition by delegates on the floor of the DNC to the inclusion of support for Israel in the Democratic Party platform. In other words, regardless of the politics of the issue, as much as half of the democratic delegates vociferously opposed support for Israel in the Democrat Party platform. Anti-Semitism is alive and well in American politics. God help us!

3. In light of its insignificant *size* relative to the great nations of the world, why is Israel, that small land bridge between the Asian and African continents, such a focal point of history? It is only because God has a special plan for Israel, which Satan is always opposing. Anti-Semitism is always demonically inspired.
4. Overview of God's Plan for a Special People.
 - a. Genesis 12 records the beginning of one of God's great prophetic programs related to Israel. Abram lived in the advanced city of Ur of the Chaldeans (11:28, 31; 15:7), a city with two-story houses, beautiful parks, but also a place of human sacrifices and the worship of idols/demons. Abraham was told to leave his family, live in a tent, and go to a land God would show him. It was not until Abram's father died that he actually went to the Promised Land.
 - b. God made one of the most remarkable prophecies in the Old Testament to Abraham. This prophecy is far-reaching implications that stretches all through the Old Testament and into the eternal future.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- 1) The first prophecy to Abram in these verses was that He would make him into a great nation. This was literally fulfilled in the nation of Israel.
- 2) The second prediction was, "I will bless you." Abram was indeed blessed with a long life (he lived 175 years), numerous descendants, and many other material and spiritual blessings from God.
- 3) The third promise: "I will make your name great." Today Abram is revered in Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Not many are still in the limelight after four thousand years.
- 4) The fourth prediction: "And you will be a blessing." Abram's life and posterity have indeed been a blessing to the whole world. In this prophecy we also have mention of God's cursing on those who curse Israel. This promised has been fulfilled throughout history:
 - a) Egypt suffered great loss when Pharaoh and the Egyptians perished in the Red Sea (Exod. 14:26-31; 15:19).
 - b) Assyria, which led captive the ten tribes of Israel in 722 B.C., was defeated by Babylon in 609 B.C.

- c) Babylon fell in one night in 539 B.C. to the Medes and the Persians, according to Daniel 5. The Medes and the Persians, who formed the empire that followed Babylon, were relatively kind to the Jews and were blessed.
 - d) The Roman empire was cruel to Israel and in due time Rome was ultimately destroyed by God's judgment, though it is destined for revival in the end times.
 - e) America will be disciplined and destroyed if it becomes predominantly Anti-Semitic. As demonstrated at the DNC and by our President's attitude toward Netanyahu, there are very troubling signs of growing Anti-Semitism in our country. The stupidest thing we as a nation could ever do is to turn our backs on Israel.
- 5) God final sweeping statement to Abraham, "And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you," cover all that God has provided for the world through Abraham's posterity. Consider some of these blessings which have been fulfilled:
- a) From Israel came the prophets of God.
 - b) From Israel came all of the human writers of the Old and New Testament (except Luke)
 - c) From Abram's descendants came the twelve apostles.
 - d) From Abram's descendants came Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross provides salvation for the entire human race and opens up the treasure troves of God's matchless eternal grace.

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

Safe and Sound in Him,

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