

## Demonism (part 25)

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.**

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### **#5, Animosity towards Israel (cont.)**

5. Review of previous point: God made five promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3: 1) "I will make you into a great nation"; 2) "I will bless you"; 3) "I will make your name great"; 4) "you will be a blessing"; and 5) "all peoples on the earth will be blessed through you."
6. Another far-reaching promise God gave to Abraham is in Genesis 12:7:

Genesis 12:7 And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

- a) While some prophecies may be ambiguous, this one is not. It is very clear. God predicted that He would give Abraham's descendants the land to which He had called him, namely Israel—otherwise known as Palestine.
- b) Although some believers throughout church history denied that there will be a future land for Israel in the Millennium, the prophecy is explicit. There is no justification for the attempts to make "land" mean "heaven." Throughout the Old Testament the word *land* is never used in a symbolic way to refer to heaven. Unfortunate this image of Promised Land is used in a number of familiar hymns.

- c) There are three major approaches to prophecy in relation to Israel and the future.
- 1) Premillennialism is the view that Christ will come before His reign of a thousand years on the earth. He will rule over the earth and over Israel in her land. This is the biblical view.
  - 2) Amillennialism is the view that there will be no literal Millennium, but that in one way or another it is now being fulfilled in a nonliteral sense.
  - 3) Postmillennialism is the view that teaches the thousand year kingdom will come as the final segment of the present age, in which the gospel will be triumphant and the whole world will be Christianized.
- d) Both amillennialists and postmillennialists say that Genesis 12:7 means that Abraham's descendants will inherit heaven. However, God said "land" and this is clearly what Abraham would have understood. The fact that both "amills" and "postmills" are wrong is not only established by the fact that *land* means *land* and never *heaven*, but that a number of prophecies made in the Old Testament speak of Israel's regathering to and installation in the Promised Land, which I will cover later.
- e) The Promised Land is not a symbol of heaven; it is not a picture of believers dying and going to heaven. If the crossing of the Jordan pictures anything at all, it represents moving into God's Promised Life (super grace life) which can only be possessed by the life of faith and spiritual growth. Israel never fully possessed the land. In Joshua there is failure (7:4), death (7:5), and incomplete possession of the land (13:1-17).
- f) Though Israel was given title deed to all of the land (Josh 21:43), several portions were not conquered due to lack of spiritual growth and obedience. Faith and obedience always go hand in hand. The believer who grows in the faith lives in the realities of God's promises and so obedience becomes a way of life. Though the believer may succumb to his old sin nature, the direction of his life is always growing in the knowledge of God through Bible doctrine. Lack of spiritual growth always leads to disobedience. Negative volition is always apathetic and negative to Bible doctrine. What is frightening is that when the believer is in darkness, he is unaware of it at the time. He is always at the ready with new excuses for not making the Word of God the priority of his life. Believers are warned by God not to follow the examples of the Israelites: 1 Corinthians 10:6, *Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.* What do you crave more than anything else? If it is not understanding 'Ehyeh and His plan for our life, then you are living in darkness, which you attempt to cover up with your excuses/lies. Think about how many believers can say with ease that they are so busy they do not have time for God or assembling with other believers every chance they get to learn more about

*Esse.* Don't have time? Really? Why? Show me why and I will show you their idols and cosmic gods.

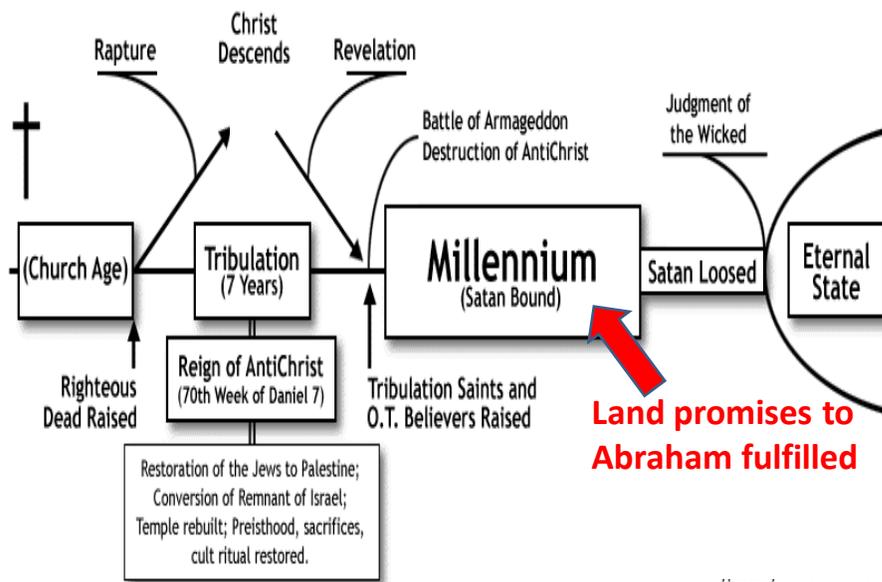
Colossians 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

- g) For believers who are serious about a growing life of faith in Him, which necessitates consistent and graduated growth in Bible doctrine, God has the most amazing promises not only in heaven, but for the here and now:

1 Corinthians 2:9 but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

Psalm 23:1 A Psalm of David . The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. 5 Thou dost prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Safe and Sound in Him,

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