

Demonism (part 26)

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 (cont.)

7. God's *land* promise to Abraham is explicitly declared and reconfirmed again and again in God's Word:

Genesis 13:14-17 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; 15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. 16 "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. 17 "Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."

Genesis 15:18-21 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: 19 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite 20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim 21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

Genesis 26:3-5 "Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham. 4 "And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

Genesis 28:13-15 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. 14 "Your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 "And behold, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

8. Note in the above passages that God's promise to Abraham that his descendants would dwell in the land was passed on to Isaac and then to Jacob—not to Esau or any of Abraham's other children, whether Ishmael or the children of Keturah. This promise about the land will be fulfilled in the millennial kingdom. Again, note in the passages above: God is not talking about heaven; the boundaries of the land are even provided, from the river Egypt to the river Euphrates.
9. Palestinians today claim they should possess the land, saying that God promised this to Ishmael. This claim is without biblical support. However, it is found in the Koran, on which Palestinian Muslims base their faith. However, the Koran was written 600 years after Jesus Christ and 2,000 years after the Genesis' passages above. There is no evidence anywhere that God promised the land to Ishmael. The entire Old Testament contradicts the Palestinian claim. The land belongs to the Jews; this covenant is immutable:

Psalm 105:8 He has remembered His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations, 9 The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac. 10 Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant, 11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the portion of your inheritance,"

10. Genesis 12-50 records the lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and of God's establishing a special people, the nation Israel, along with His larger promise of salvation to all who would trust the God of Abraham. What God promised there is confirmed all through the Old Testament.

11. God's explicit plan for Israel was not lost on Satan and his hordes. Satan is doing everything he can to thwart the plan of God for Israel. What is unfortunate is that Satan's anti-Semitic philosophy is alive and well in our country as demonstrated by the Democratic Platform removing support for Israel—a move which was reversed due to political pressure (to gain votes for the re-election of Obama). The United States of America is under divine discipline for suppression of knowledge of God (Romans 1:18-20, wrath of God "is" revealed), and for anti-Semitism. This anti-Semitism is widespread not only in the media, but also in churches and seminaries around this country—from Jeremiah Wright to many in the Reformed tradition who reject God's *land* promises the nation and people of Israel.
12. As we remember the terrorist attacks on 9/11, let us be thankful that we still have the freedom to gather with other believers and learn about our Lord and proclaim Him to others, and let us pray for those who have suffered so much in those attacks.

1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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