

Demonism (part 27)

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.)

13. Overview of Israel's title deed to "Palestine." There three lines of evidence that the land of Israel belongs to the Jews: 1) the biblical claim to the land; 2) the theological claim to the land; and 3) legal claims to the land.

a. The Jewish biblical claim to the Land.

1) Genesis 12 records God's promise to the Abraham, the Abrahamic Covenant

2) This land-promise is repeated in Genesis 13, 15, 17, 22.

3) This promised is reconfirmed with Isaac (Gen. 26), Jacob (Gen. 28), and assumed in the predictions of the 12 sons in Genesis 49.

- 4) God's prophecy of the 400 years of the Jews in Egypt and their exile is further confirmation that God continued to have a land for the Jews.

Genesis 15:15 "And as for you [Abraham], you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 "Then in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

- 5) The Davidic Covenant promises that a descendent of David will sit on the throne forever.

2 Sam. 7:16 "And your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." 17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

1 Chronicles 17:4 "Go and tell David My servant, 'Thus says the LORD, "You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in; 5 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from one dwelling place to another. 6 "In all places where I have walked with all Israel, have I spoken a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built for Me a house of cedar?'" 7 "Now, therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be leader over My people Israel. 8 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are in the earth. 9 "And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be moved no more; neither shall the wicked waste them anymore as formerly, 10 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you. 11 "And it shall come about when your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up one of your descendants after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 "He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. 13 "I will be his father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. 14 "But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.'" 15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

- 6) Jeremiah was assured that the Babylonian exile would last for only 70 years:

Jeremiah 25:11 'And this whole land shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

- 7) Daniel took note, counted off the years from his person deportation in 605 B.C., and in 539 B.C. asked the Lord when the return would take place (Daniel 9). Daniel was promised a future in the land for his people, the *Jews*.
- 8) Malachi, the last prophet to write before the birth of Christ, predicted the forerunners of Messiah to be Elijah and Moses. John the Baptist was enough of a fulfillment to hold that generation accountable for accepting Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Messiah.
- 9) The actual appearance of Elijah and Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration confirms Malachi's prediction and points to the final fulfillment in the form of the two witnesses of Revelation 11, who represent the Messiah in His capital city, Jerusalem.
- 10) In Matthew 24, Christ envisioned a military event that would eventuate with His rule from a throne in Jerusalem.
- 11) The 12 disciples were promised that they would sit on the 12 thrones ruling over the tribes of *Israel*.
- 12) 2 Thessalonians 2 anticipates a Jewish temple over which the Antichrist and Christ will struggle.
- 13) In Revelation, after 95 A.D., 25 years after the destruction of the Temple, the Apostle John is still prophesying of a Jewish Temple. If ever there was a time for an inspired author of Scripture to abandon the concept of a physical kingdom for Israel, it would have been John in the book of Revelation, *but he did not! Even though the church was in progress and growing in Gentile realms, he still promoted God's program for national Israel.*
- 14) As we witness the existential threats to Israel coupled with President Obama's snubbing of its elected leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, let us redouble our efforts in support Israel—after all, God is on Israel's side when it comes to its ownership of its land.

15) Let us take comfort in the fact that Jesus Christ controls history, every single detail. There are no accidents in history. God works sovereignly, and has chosen to even work through contingent agents and their prayers. As I have been teaching: there is absolutely nothing incoherent about God working sovereignly and choosing to work through the prayers of His people. What has happened in the last few days did not take God by surprise, He is going to work it all out perfectly. All we can do is make sure we are on the right side of HIS-story. God's sovereignty is explicitly declared in Scripture (any god that is not powerful enough or smart enough to be in control is really no god at all, in fact he is but a pagan god). In order to be sovereign, God must be all-knowing, all-powerful and absolutely free. Again, there is nothing incoherent about God being absolutely sovereign and in that sovereignty considering the prayers and status of believers. To grasp the sovereignty of God is to gain not only peace, but be moved to adoration of such a God who is always in control and always brings good out of evil. Again, God is in control:

1 Chronicles 29:11 "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all. 12 "Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone.

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; 30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

16) Without orientation to God's absolute control of history, no one who watched the vicious beating and horrendous evil perpetrated on Jesus Christ in the crucifixion would have imagined that it was all planned by God through the free will agents of man, where He brought forth the greatest blessing known to man out of the greatest evil perpetrated by man:

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know-- 23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 "And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Safe and Sound in Him,

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*Ephesians 1:5 He **predestined us** to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, 8 which He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him 10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose **who works all these things after the counsel of His will,***