

Demonism (part 28)

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.)

Overview of Israel's title deed to "Palestine." 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.

b. Theological claim to the land

- 1) Many Christians, like those in the Reformed tradition (Calvinists, Presbyterians), falsely teach that the church has replaced Israel. They believe that the Jews have forfeited all claim to the land due to their disobedience.
- 2) However, the covenant to Abraham in Genesis was unilateral: Abraham did not physically participate because he had been placed in a deep sleep. It was God alone who performed the ritual binding His integrity to the final fulfillment.
- 3) Romans 9-11 is an especially strong argument that the church has not replaced Israel in God's program.

- 4) Galatians 6:16 makes a distinction between church age believers and Israel: “And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.”
- 5) Hebrews 12:23 recognizes the difference between church age believers and Old Testament saints: “to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect.”
- 6) Revelation ends the New Testament with a distinction between the church age believers and Israel in the eternal state with the 12 tribes inscribed on the gates of the city (Israel) and the names of the 12 apostles engraved on the foundations of the city (church).

Revelation 21:12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

- 7) The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable, Rom. 11:29.
- 8) The descendants of Abraham were chosen by God for His purposes about four thousand years ago. They were chosen to be the biological line of the Messiah. They were chosen to be bearers of the Word of God. Despite their privileges, no generation of Israel ever came close to properly honoring God, hence, the land-promise to Abraham has not yet been fulfilled.
- 9) Israel, due to disobedience, is under divine discipline, but this does not mean that God has changed His mind regarding the promise to Abraham and his descendants. Insisting on the unconditional nature of the promise to Israel does not contradict God’s dire warning as found in five cycles of discipline outlined in Deuteronomy 28-30.

- 10) The Word of God reveals that there is coming a generation of Jews who will turn to the Lord. During the seven-year tribulation period, God tells us that every last descendant of Abraham either repents and believes in Jesus Christ (Zech. 12:10) or is killed by the horrors of the tribulation period (Zech. 13:8).

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.

Zechariah 13:8 "And it will come about in all the land," Declares the LORD, "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.

- 11) Christ is clearly in control of history; He has declared the end from the beginning regarding all of history and explicitly regarding Israel for His own glory:

Isaiah 46:10 **Declaring the end from the beginning** And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it. 12 "Listen to Me, you stubborn-minded, Who are far from righteousness. 13 "I bring near My righteousness, it is not far off; And My salvation will not delay. **And I will grant salvation in Zion, And My glory for Israel.**

Safe and Sound in Him,

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