

## **Demonism (part 35: the Jews—the Covenants-1)**

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.)**

(Continuation of understanding the nature of Israel, her relationship with God, and the Holocaust)

Now that we have examined the failure of human viewpoint (in the various branches of Judaism) to account for the Holocaust, we now turn to divine viewpoint of the Word of God. The greatest curse on the planet is when man begins with man in an attempt to explain ultimate questions regarding God and man. This is true whether man begins with empiricism, rationalism, or mysticism. It is fatal to start with one's emotions. Likewise, Christians often make this mistake of gauging their spiritual lives by their emotions, feelings, and experiences. The unregenerate Jew who trusts God and experiences peace and thus attributes that subjective peace with objective reality is mistaken, just as a Christian who is walking in darkness (for example, Benny Hinn and his disciples or liberal Christians who do not believe the Bible is the Word of God) and trusts in God and feels a sense of peace, and therefore interprets that as really being closer to God. Fellowship with God always requires walking in the light (1 John 1:5-6). This is an absolute! Fellowship with God is an absolute not dependent on or validated by experiences.

Obtaining divine viewpoint is only possible by starting with God in His *objective* Word. Apart from the Word of God—and not what one thinks is the Word of God—there is no adequate, universal, or authoritative! answers for the Holocaust and the Jewish situation. The place to begin is with the covenants established by God with the nation of Israel as explicitly laid out in Scripture—a few principles:

1. The biblical covenants lay the foundation of God's eternal relationship with Israel. God's relationship with the nation of Israel is bound by contractual agreement. This means that Israel is secured to God by definite treaty arrangements which God Himself initiated and ratified.
2. Israel's relationship with God is as secure as the biblical covenants—those contractual agreements. These covenants are as secure as the very character of God Himself.
3. The covenants in the Old Testament are either unconditional or conditional.
  - a) Unconditional covenants are divine dispositions of God, whereby He establishes an unconditional or declarative compact with man, obligating Himself, in grace, by the untrammelled formula, "I WILL," to bring to pass of Himself definite blessings for the covenanted ones.
  - b) Conditional covenants are divine proposals wherein He promises, in a conditional or mutual compact with man, by the contingent formula "IF YOU WILL," to grant special blessings to man provided He fulfills perfectly certain conditions, and to execute definite punishment in case of His failure.
4. There are five covenants that bear on the nature and consequences of the Holocaust.
  - a) Four unconditional covenants: Abraham, Palestinian, Davidic, and the New. These covenants are literal, eternal, and with the people of Israel—not the church!
  - b) One conditional covenant: the Mosaic. This covenant is literal, contingent, not eternal and with the people of Israel.
5. The first covenant is the Abrahamic covenant. This eternal covenant is the most important. This covenant furnishes the key to the entire Old Testament and reaches its fulfillment in the New Covenant.

6. The Abrahamic covenant is unconditional in that no obligation is imposed upon Abraham; he contributes nothing, but rather is the recipient of all that Yahweh proposed to do for him. Note how the covenants point to Abraham's seed and that of the land of promise:

Genesis 12:1-3 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."

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 15:4-7 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who shall come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." 5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."

Genesis 17:1-8 Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. 2 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly." 3 And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 "And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. 7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 "And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

1 Chronicles 16:17 He also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Psalm 105:10 Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

7. Note the unconditional nature of Abrahamic Covenant:

- a. No conditions are given except the original condition of leaving his homeland and going to the promised land (which Abraham fulfilled).
- b. The covenant is confirmed on several occasions without any conditional stipulations added.
- c. The covenant was confirmed by an unqualified oath of God.

Genesis 15:7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it." 8 And he said, "O Lord God, how may I know that I shall possess it?" 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. 11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him. 13 And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. 14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out with many possessions. 15 "And as for you, 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." 17 And it came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. 18 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."

Jeremiah 34:18 'And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts--

- d. Circumcision was never made a condition for the fulfillment of the covenant, only for the experienced blessings within the covenant (cf., Gen. 17:9-14), after which the land promises are given.

Genesis 17:9-14 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you. 12 "And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a servant who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants. 13 "A servant who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

- e. When the covenant was confirmed and reconfirmed both to Isaac and to Jacob, no conditions were required of them.

Genesis 17:19 But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

Genesis 26:2-5 And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I shall tell you. 3 "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 28:12-15 And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 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."

- f. The covenant was confirmed time after time, in spite of continual disobedience—even apostasy did not destroy the covenant.

Jeremiah 31:36 "If this fixed order departs From before Me," declares the LORD, "Then the offspring of Israel also shall cease From being a nation before Me forever."

- g. The covenant was declared immutable even after rejection of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 6:13-18 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply you." 15 And thus, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18 in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us.

**God means what He says—always has and always will!** The Lord is not only the God of matchless grace, He is also the God faithful to all of His promises! He means what He says. This is true in regard to Israel, and is true in regard to promises made to any and all believers. For example, He has promised that once a person believes in Jesus Christ, he is saved forever—*regardless of any other factor*. Eternal security is directly related to God's unconditional promises, e.g.:

John 10:27-29 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 6:39 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 11:29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

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