

Demonism (part 36: the Jews—the Covenants-2)

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.)

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

We are in the midst of examining the unconditional Abrahamic Covenant. Let's note the historical outworking of the anti-Semitic clause of Genesis 12:3, *"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."*

1. God's Word and human history have clearly demonstrated that God has committed Himself to the protection of His chosen people. The way in which a person or nation treats Abraham and his people is the same way that God will treat him.

2. This anti-Semitic clause has enormous ramifications for the United States of America. Our President's attitude toward Israel is alarming. This was reflected in the debate last night when Romney pointed out Obama's snubbing of Israel while he was on his apology tour among Muslim nations. Obama's negative attitude toward Israel has also been reflected in the way he has treated Netanyahu and his comments to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev about having more flexibility after the election (see <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/10/23/flashback-romney-chides-obama-for-open-mic-slip-with-russia-medvedev/>).
3. The promise of Genesis 12:3 does not depend upon Israel's temporal status before God. Even when she is in disobedience, the clause is faithfully applied by God who originally gave it. All that actually matters is how the individual or nation "blesses" or "curses" Abraham and his descendants.

- 1) The protection clause was passed on to Jacob even in the midst of his lies and deceit. The promise depended upon God's grace and not Jacob's faithfulness. Even with all of the pleading of Esau, the blessing remained in Jacob's possession.

Genesis 27:28 Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine; 29 May peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, And may your mother's sons bow down to you. **Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you."**

- 2) We see that the protection clause is operational when Balaam attempted to curse Israel. In this case the Moabites sealed their own doom on that day they hired Balaam to curse Israel. During this period Israel was in disobedience and wandering in the wilderness, following their disobedience to enter the promised land (Num. 13:1-20:13). Even though Israel was under divine discipline, and the original generation would die in the wilderness, nevertheless, the protective covenant was still in force:

Numbers 24:9 "He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him? Blessed is everyone who blesses you, And cursed is everyone who curses you."

4. Elaboration on this anti-Semitic protection clause/promise of Genesis 12:3, "*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.*"
 - a. *Those who bless you*—those who will show you sympathy and friendship and will seek your welfare—will also receive blessing from Me; contrariwise, those who oppose you and seek to hurt you will receive My curse. Whoever is opposed to you is opposed to the mission I have gave, and hence it is right that he should be punished.

- b. The promise given to Abraham has significance far beyond Abraham and his seed. There is a sense in which God brings temporal blessings and judgment directly into human history that is determined by the attitude one adopts to Israel.
- c. This promise is part of God's philosophy of history. Israel's entire history is based on this seminal clause in the Abrahamic covenant.
- d. Overview of how the promise/protection clause has been and will be fulfilled throughout human history. The fulfillment of Genesis 12:3 from the time of Abraham to the last battle before the millennium:

- 1) Laban was blessed by God because of the presence of Jacob in his household

Genesis 30:25 Now it came about when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country. 26 "Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me depart; for you yourself know my service which I have rendered you." 27 But Laban said to him, "If now it pleases you, stay with me; I have divined that the LORD has blessed me on your account." 28 And he continued, "Name me your wages, and I will give it." 29 But he said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you and how your cattle have fared with me. 30 "For you had little before I came, and it has increased to a multitude; and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own household also?"

- 2) Potiphar was blessed by God because Joseph was present in his household.

Genesis 39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. 2 And the LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. 5 And it came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

- 3) Pharaoh and his house were cursed for taking in Abram's wife Sarai, even though Abraham instigated it through his deceit.

Genesis 12:17 But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife

- 4) Abimelech and his house were cursed for also taking in Sarah, once again at the deceitful instigation of Abraham.

Genesis 20:1 Now Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the Negev, and settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in Gerar. 2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is married." 4 Now Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, wilt Thou slay a nation, even though blameless? 5 "Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this." 6 Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her. 7 "Now therefore, restore the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours." 8 So Abimelech arose early in the morning and called all his servants and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were greatly frightened. 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done." 10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you encountered, that you have done this thing?" 11 And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place; and they will kill me because of my wife. 12 "Besides, she actually is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife; 13 and it came about, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is the kindness which you will show to me: everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother.'"" 14 Abimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored his wife Sarah to him. 15 And Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you; settle wherever you please." 16 And to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, it is your vindication before all who are with you, and before all men you are cleared." 17 And Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids, so that they bore children. 18 For the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

- 5) The Hebrew midwives were blessed by God because of their protection of the Jewish first-born males.

Exodus 1:15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah, and the other was named Puah; 16 and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?" 19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and they give birth before the midwife can get to them." 20 So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.

- 6) The Egyptians were cursed by God because they instituted a national anti-Semitic policy.

Exodus 4:22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, "Israel is My son, My first-born. 23 "So I said to you, 'Let My son go, that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your first-born.'"

- 7) The Amalekites were cursed for declaring war on Israel,

Numbers 24:20 And he looked at Amalek and took up his discourse and said, "Amalek was the first of the nations, But his end shall be destruction."

1 Samuel 15:1 Then Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the words of the LORD. 2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt. 3 'Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'" 4 Then Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, 200,000 foot soldiers and 10,000 men of Judah. 5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and set an ambush in the valley.

- 8) The Kenites were blessed because they aided Israel during the exodus period.

Numbers 10:29 Then Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; come with us and we will do you good, for the LORD has promised good concerning Israel." 30 But he said to him, "I will not come, but rather will go to my own land and relatives." 31 Then he said, "Please do not leave us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will be as eyes for us. 32 "So it will be, if you go with us, it will come about that whatever good the LORD does for us, we will do for you."

1 Samuel 15:6 And Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

- 9) The Moabites and Ammonites were cursed because they persecuted the Israelites.

Zephaniah 2:8 "I have heard the taunting of Moab And the revilings of the sons of Ammon, With which they have taunted My people And become arrogant against their territory. 9 "Therefore, as I live," declares the LORD of hosts, The God of Israel, "Surely Moab will be like Sodom, And the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah-- A place possessed by nettles and salt pits, And a perpetual desolation. The remnant of My people will plunder them, And the remainder of My nation will inherit them." 10 This they will have in return for their pride, because they have taunted and become arrogant against the people of the LORD of hosts.

- 10) Rahab was blessed by God because she protected the Hebrew spies.

Joshua 6:22 And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the harlot's house and bring the woman and all she has out of there, as you have sworn to her." 23 So the young men who were spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all she had; they also brought out all her relatives, and placed them outside the camp of Israel. 24 And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. 25 However, Rahab the harlot and her father's household and all she had, Joshua spared; and she has lived in the midst of Israel to this day, for she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Matthew 1:5 and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;

Hebrews 11:31 By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

11) The town of Meroz was cursed for not aiding Israel.

Judges 5:23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the LORD, 'Utterly curse its inhabitants; Because they did not come to the help of the LORD, To the help of the LORD against the warriors.'

12) Goliath was defeated because he cursed the God of Israel and His people.

1 Samuel 17:43 And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field." 45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. 46 "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

13) David's enemies were cursed because they were opposing God's theocratic king.

Psalms 37:20 But the wicked will perish; And the enemies of the LORD will be like the glory of the pastures, They vanish-- like smoke they vanish away. 21 The wicked borrows and does not pay back, But the righteous is gracious and gives. 22 For those blessed by Him will inherit the land; But those cursed by Him will be cut off.

Psalms 109:26 Help me, O LORD my God; Save me according to Thy lovingkindness. 27 And let them know that this is Thy hand; Thou, LORD, hast done it. 28 Let them curse, but do Thou bless; When they arise, they shall be ashamed, But Thy servant shall be glad. 29 Let my accusers be clothed with dishonor, And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe. 30 With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the LORD; And in the midst of many I will praise Him. 31 For He stands at the right hand of the needy, To save him from those who judge his soul.

14) The Gibeonites were cursed for deceiving the Israelites.

Joshua 9:22 Then Joshua called for them and spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you are living within our land? 23 "Now therefore, you are cursed, and you shall never cease being slaves, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God."

15) The Edomites were cursed for opposing Israel.

Jeremiah 49:13 "For I have sworn by Myself," declares the LORD, "that Bozrah will become an object of horror, a reproach, a ruin and a curse; and all its cities will become perpetual ruins."

16) The Babylonians were likewise cursed for their devastating abuse of Israel, in spite of the fact that they were raised up by God as His means of punishment.

Isaiah 14:1 When the LORD will have compassion on Jacob, and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob. 2 And the peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive, and will rule over their oppressors. 3 And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved, 4 that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased, And how fury has ceased! 5 "The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of rulers

17) The Persian politicians who sought to destroy Daniel were cursed, along with their families,

Daniel 6:24 The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children, and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

18) Haman and the Persians were cursed by God for their attempted extermination of the Jewish people, even when the Jews were out of the will of God by not returning to the land of Israel along with the rest of the post-captivity community (cf., Book of Esther).

- 19) The Babylonians were cursed because of their savage onslaught against Israel, even though God raised them up for Israel's judgment.

Lamentations 3:65 Thou wilt give them hardness of heart, Thy curse will be on them.

- 20) In the future when Israel is regathered from all of the nations to which she has been scattered, God promises curses on all those who oppose her.

Deuteronomy 30:1 "So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you, 2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, 3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4 "If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. 5 "And the LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. 6 "Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live. 7 "**And the LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.** 8 "And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today. 9 "Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; 10 if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.

21) When Jesus Christ returns, nations will be judged based on treatment of Israel.

Matthew 25:31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? 38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' 45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

22) In tribulation when nations north of Israel join with nations to the south of Israel to attack Israel, they will be cursed and destroyed, Ezek. 38:1-39:29.

23) All of Israel's oppressors in the future will be cursed and dealt with at the beginning of the millennium, Zeph. 3:11-20.

24) The final battle of the age, the battle centered around Israel with all of the nations seeking to destroy her, will bring her enemies to an end in a final curse and judgment.

Zechariah 2:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye. 9 "For behold, I will wave My hand over them, so that they will be plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

N.B.: The fact that the unconditional protection/blessing clause of Genesis 12:3 is still in play in the last battle of human history is a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness even in the face of man's unfaithfulness. God's is faithful even when we are unfaithful:

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

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