

Demonism (part 37: the Jews—the Covenants-3)

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 the study of Israel, her relationship with God, and God's promises).

In the last DDR I noted all how 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.*”) was *unconditionally* fulfilled throughout *biblical* history by listing many biblical passages that illustrate its truths. Before we move to the Palestinian covenant, I would like to close out this discussion of the Abrahamic clause by noting some scholarly comments on its ramifications in ancient and modern history:

1. “The story of European history during the past centuries teaches one uniform lesson. That the nations which have received and in any way dealt fairly and mercifully with the Jew have prospered—and that the nations that have tortured and oppressed him have written out their own curse” (comment in the *Pentateuch and Haftorah*, ed. J.H. Hertz).

2. “If she [America] desires to hold her leading place among the nations, let her people never foster or encourage the evil of anti-Semitism in her midst. The laws that govern the relationship of nations to the Jews were fixed by God four thousand years ago in assurances and covenant promises made unto Abraham, the progenitor of the Hebrew race. The statement, “I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee” (Genesis 12:3), has never been abrogated, and applies today to this nation as it did in ancient times to Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon, who went down under the divine curse. Let us not be deceived, this law bringing blessing or curse is as sure in its working as the laws that govern the movements of the planets in God’s universe. The scheming politicians under Darius the Mede, succeeded in putting the godly Daniel in the lions’ den, but deliverance came to Daniel and destruction to them and their families. The wily Haman of Esther’s day found that plotting to destroy the Jews boomeranged back, destroying the plotter (Esther 2:21-7:10). Edom in his mountain fastness though himself secure even to plunder and murder the Israelites in their day of calamity and helplessness when they fled from their Babylonian invaders. But Edom found to his dismay that God took note of his treachery and cruelty to his people and meted out punishment accordingly (Obadiah 10-15). It was only recently that Hitler boasted to his followers that he would establish a German empire that would last a thousand years. Ignoring God’s ancient covenant with the Jew, he planned to place as the cornerstone of his future empire, the entire extermination of the Jew. No wonder that he met with utter defeat and destruction. Move by such an incentive his movement could not possibly have resulted otherwise. Twenty-five centuries ago God warned the nations and comforted the seed of Israel with the divine assurance that whoever touched the people of Israel to do them harm, would be touching the apple of God’s eye, Zechariah 2:8 (Robert Evans).

3. “Only eternity will reveal how true this [“I will bless them that bless thee”] has been in the history of the nations. Only the Gibeonites were spared when Israel entered the land of Canaan, for they sought to make a covenant with God’s people. I believe that the Lord has blessed the United States because this nation is a haven for the persecuted Jews. In the future, at the judgment of the nations, it is written that the Lord Jesus Christ will say to the nations on His right hand, “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). His brethren, of course, are the children of Abraham living at that day; and the passages takes on its real meaning when seen in this light. When a man dies, a physician has to write on the death certificate the cause of death. When a nation dies, more often than not, the cause of death is that the nation has mistreated the Jews [“I will curse him that curseth thee”]. When Ham rebelled against Shem, one by one, the tribes of Ham were destroyed or reduced to a minor state: Egypt, Canaan, the Hittites. When the Greeks overran Palestine and desecrated the altar in the Jewish temple, they were soon conquered by Rome. When Rome killed Paul and many and destroyed Jerusalem under Titus, Rome soon fell. Spain was reduced to a fifth-rate nation after the Inquisition against the Jews; Poland fell after the pogroms; Hitler’s Germany went down after its orgies of anti-Semitism; Britain lost her empire when she broke her faith with Israel” (Donald Grey Barnhouse).

4. “A special blessing is promised to the one who sincerely, and not for material considerations, blesses Abraham and his seed. Those who have followed the spirit and the letter of this condition testify that God has made good this promise to them. He has likewise cursed those nations and individuals who have persecuted the Jew. Egypt became one of the basest kingdoms of the world . . . Assyria and Babylon likewise fell under the judgment of God because of the ill-treatment of the Jews. The same thing is true of Rome and medieval Spain. This special curse will likewise fall upon the Nazi regime and all supporting it who have as their objective the persecution of the seed of Abraham (David Cooper).
5. “If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one per cent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contribution to the world’s list of great name in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it. The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, and have vanished. The Jew saw the all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?” (Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain).

THE ANSWER TO CLEMENS QUESTION IS SIMPLE: the Abrahamic covenant in general and the anti-Semitic or protective clause in particular (Gen. 12:3). Even though Genesis 12:3 was written around four thousand years ago, it is still applicable to today’s America. It is unfortunate that so many in our country are unaware of how this clause applies to our country. Our country is in serious financial condition, yet our president continues to put distance between himself and Israel. A bad attitude toward Israel will only bring more financial woes on this country. What’s worse is that many Americans who long for better financial times in our country are totally unaware of how our leader’s attitudes toward Israel have a bearing on God’s blessing and cursing of the United States of America.

God keeps His Word, He will never forsake Israel:

Jeremiah 31:35 Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day, And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name: 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." 37 Thus says the LORD, "If the heavens above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done," declares the LORD.

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