

Demonism (part 42: the Jews—the New Covenant)

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). We now move to the New Covenant to Israel, which reaffirms the blessing promises that God made to Abraham. This covenant will be fulfilled in the millennium.

1. The fourth and final *unconditional* covenant that God initiated with Israel was the New Covenant. The primary passage is

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

2. Provisions of the New Covenant:

- a. It is unconditional grace covenant as indicated in the "I will" of God. The frequency of this use of this phase is striking:

Ezekiel 16:60 "Nevertheless, **I will** remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and **I will** establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61 "Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and **I will** give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant. 62 "Thus **I will** establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD,

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- b. The New Covenant is an everlasting covenant. What God promises in grace He never reneges on.

Isaiah 61:8 For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense, And I will make **an everlasting covenant** with them.

Ezekiel 37:26 "And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an **everlasting covenant** with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.

- c. The New Covenant promises the impartation of a renewed mind and heart, i.e. the Jews will be regenerated.

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Isaiah 59:21 "And as for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and **My words which I have put in your mouth**, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

d. The New Covenant promises complete restoration to the favor and blessing of God.

Hosea 2:19 "And I **will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In lovingkindness and in compassion**, 20 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD.

Isaiah 61:9 Then their offspring will be known among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them Because **they are the offspring whom the LORD has blessed**.

e. The New Covenant promises forgiveness of sin.

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f. The New Covenant promises the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

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g. The New Covenant includes a renewed teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

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- h. The New Covenant promises a blessed Israel in the Promised Land.

Jeremiah 32:41 "And I will rejoice over them **to do them good, and I will faithfully plant them in this land** with all My heart and with all My soul.

Ezekiel 34:25 "And I will make a covenant of peace with them and **eliminate harmful beasts from the land, so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.** 26 "And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing. 27 "Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth **will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land.** Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

- i. The New Covenant promises that the sanctuary will be rebuilt in Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 37:26 "And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and **will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.** 27 "**My dwelling place also will be with them;** and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

- j. The New Covenant promises that war shall cease and peace shall reign.

Hosea 2:18 "In that day I will also make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, The birds of the sky, And the creeping things of the ground. And **I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, And will make them lie down in safety.**

- k. The New Covenant is only possible because of the death of Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 9:11 As for you also, because of **the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.**

- l. The New Covenant was made with the Jewish people, and its fulfillment is yet future. It awaits the millennium, the Messianic Kingdom, for fulfillment. The New Covenant to the Jews is not to be conflated with the New Covenant of the Church even though they share some aspects like forgiveness (Matt. 26:27-28). The New Covenant required the shedding of blood and provided forgiveness. The fact that this was provided for the Church Age does not mean that the Church Age is the Age of Israel's New Covenant.

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m. The New Covenant will be instituted at the Second Advent.

Romans 11:25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." 27 "And this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

A couple of thoughts:

The passage above demonstrates that Israel as a nation continues to exist in a hardened state regarding the Lord Jesus Christ as her true Messiah. However, a day will come when she will see Jesus Christ, believe in Him, and receive personal and national blessings. Not until then will she receive a true homecoming on a personal and national level. Only then will Judaism without Christ cease to exist on earth. One day Israel will see the True, Good, and Beauty/Glory of God.

As far as Christianity, it is unfortunate that we live in very dark times due in no small part to the job Satan has done on the mindset of modern Christians, yes: even many with Bible doctrine do not see and are not drawn to the Beauty of God as evidenced by the very fact that they cannot remain in fellowship for any length of time (because they see other things as more beautiful and attractive). There are many mental and spiritual reasons Christians do not see the radiant beauty of Jesus Christ in their lives or in every passage of their bibles. One of the biggest culprits is when a believer has a functional or pragmatic view of truth. The believer who only has a functional or pragmatic view of Truth is incapable of seeing and being drawn to the glorious beauty of Jesus Christ simply for the fact that he is looking primarily for some personal function or pragmatic use of Him and His Word—more on this in our next Bible class.

I would like to express my appreciate for believers of FBC who really are interested in Truth as such and desire to join me in removing those screens that come between us and the Lord so we can see Him more clearly and be powerfully drawn to Him, who is the most beautiful thing ever created: The Lord Jesus Christ, the Christ-form.

In 'Ehyeh (the True-Good-Beautiful),

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