

Demonism (part 45: the Jews—the Mosaic Covenant-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.)

In an effort to better understand the hatred of the world for Israel in the end times, I am providing the biblical perspective of Israel. We are in the midst of the Mosaic Covenant. Let's note the character of this covenant:

1. The Mosaic Covenant was an additional covenant added to the other covenants without nullifying any of the provisions of the previous covenants. The promises to Abraham remain in effect regardless of the Jewish failure to fulfill the Mosaic Covenant.

Galatians 3:15 Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. 16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. 17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. 18 For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

2. The Mosaic Covenant was added because of transgressions, that men might be made ready for the coming of the Messiah and Savior.

Galatians 3:19 Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made. 20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. 21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. 22 But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

3. The previous covenants continue to remain in effect even if the Israelites experienced all of the curses of the Mosaic Covenant; they would never *ultimately* be cut off from the eternal purpose of God.

Leviticus 26:40 'If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me-- 41 I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies-- or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that they then make amends for their iniquity, 42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land. 43 'For the land shall be abandoned by them, and shall make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, shall be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes. 44 'Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. 45 'But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the LORD.'"

Deuteronomy 4:30 "When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. 31 "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

4. The terms of the Abrahamic Covenant preclude any disappearance of the sons of Israel from the pages of history. The Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional covenant, which guarantees the perpetuity of the line of Jacob and allots the land of Israel to Jacob's descendants for as long as there is a history of the human race. The restoration to favor with God and the blessings upon the land are all intertwined with a good spiritual relationship between God and His people.

5. We must remember that the Mosaic Covenant was a conditional covenant that did not abrogate or effect in any way the Abrahamic Covenant with all of its supplemental covenants like the Davidic, Palestinian, and New Covenant.
6. The Mosaic Covenant established the conditions upon which that eternal relationship might be enjoyed and blessed or distressed and cursed temporally.
7. It is inexcusable for Christians (like Calvinists and many in the Reformed movement) to write Israel off because of the Mosaic curses that she received for disobedience. The church does not inherit the promises of the Jews. God will keep His promises to Abraham, David, and the Jews.

A Few Thoughts.

First, there is an analogy (though limited) between the believer and Israel in regard to the eternal promises of God and temporal life issues. The believer has been given eternal life, eternal security, and over forty permanent blessings at the point of salvation. However, if he lives in disobedience (carnality and reversionism) he will a life filled with divine discipline. The temporal chastisement in no way affects the eternal promises of God never to forsake the Christian.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

Second, the Mosaic Covenant was given to guide the Jews. It was never designed as an end to itself. God has given us many wonderful tools to guide us into understanding God. He has given us sixty-six books of the Bible. He has also given many aids in understanding the Word of God: the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the original languages of Scripture, philosophy, metaphysics, a history of philosophy to see the bankruptcies of philosophies not grounded in philosophical realism. He has given us so much, but we must never forget that these are all tools and must never become means. Even the Word of God itself must never become the end; it is the means. The means of what? The means of loving the Lord with all of our hearts, souls, and minds. That is what it is all about. I love philosophy! I love Bible doctrine. I love all of those doctrines that teach problem solving devices. However, they are only tools in understanding God and growing up in love for God.

Third, it is imperative that each believer makes truth the issue as the means of pursuing God. The Jews failed to see that the Law was designed to lead to them to God. Law and truth for the sake of truth mistakens the means from the ends. It is commonly believed that hardly anyone seeks truth. This is false. Virtually everyone seeks what he thinks is truth as he seeks what he thinks is good and beautiful in some way. Even Satan thinks he is seeking truth. Every philosopher I have studied was seeking what he thought was truth. Descartes sought to put truth on a solid foundation. Kant set out to correct the skepticism of Hume as far as the truth of causality. Everyone seeks truth, what is real, what is good, and what is beautiful (what attracts him). Men are most anxious to find truth, *however*, very reluctant to accept Total Truth. He

wants his truth—truth that serves him in some way. Although every man begins eagerly seeking truth, he does not like to be cornered and commanded by it. The greatest difficulty is to bow before the Truth, to accept it completely. It is one thing to pursue Truth to solve a problem, it is quite another to pursue and accept it as your superior. In short, finding out truth is not hard; what is hard is not to run away from truth once we have found it. Only believers who are really interested in truth do not run away, they do not flinch in the present of truth when they find it. They do not desire just a sliver of truth that deals with a problem, they want it all no matter what because they really want God more than simply a sliver of reality/truth apart from Him. It is one thing to seek and know a particular truth, it is quite another to bow before Total Truth. The Jews loved the Law because it was truth, however, they ran away from Total Truth instantiated in Jesus Christ. They hated Ultimate Truth because of what it revealed and demanded!

Fourth, what do you seek? That is the first question of the Eternal Incarnate Lord to John and Andrew as we have noted in our studies at FBC. One way to evaluate your attitude to Total Truth is to take a look at your view of God. Has God grown in your life? In other words, has your view of God grown over the past few months and years? If not, then you are not on the path of Total Truth. We have made so many fantastic discoveries at FBC over the past year regarding God as Esse, how creation reveals the glory of God, the nature of the Eternal Son of God, the True/Good/Beautiful. I hope these studies have indeed increased your view of God. My prayer is that your view of Him will increase in time regardless of the circumstances of life. It really is about Him—not us! Total Truth!

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