

## **Demonism (part 47: the Jews—Israel's Eternal Privileges)**

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.)**

In our study of the ten ways Satan is effectively paving the way for the Antichrist, I am taking the time to develop our understanding of Israel since she plays such a critical part in the end times. There can be no accurate understanding of the end times apart from understanding Israel. There is no understanding of what Satan is doing on the global scale apart from keeping an eye on the divine perspective on Israel.

As we have seen, the nation of Israel is unique among all the nations of the world. She is the only nation in the world that has eternal covenants with Almighty God. This means that she as an entity is more important than the United States of America. While America, though in a state of decadence, is still the greatest nation in the world in many respects, let us not forget that God has made no promises concerning our nation.

Israel is the only eternally elected or chosen nation in the world. The Bible explicitly declares that she is above all the nations of the world (Deut. 4:32-37; 7:6; 26:5; Isa. 51:2; Ezek. 16:1-14, 22, 43-45, 60; 20:5; Mal. 1:2-3; Rom. 9:6-13). God in His infinite freedom sovereignly created her, beginning with the one man, Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3), and He will see her through her final redemption—nationally and spiritually (i.e., in the remnant). The fact that she has been under severe divine discipline since A.D. 70 does not change this fact. In fact, that she continues

to survive despite two thousand years of the infernos of hatred, persecutions, and holocausts is miraculous testimony to God's faithfulness to His Word. They have suffered so much because they 'would not have this man [Jesus Christ] rule over them.' However, there will come a time when a Jewish remnant will hail Him as the Messiah. In the meantime, Satan is doing what he can to influence people to remove Israel from the face of the earth. Satan is the preeminent anti-Semite and the source of all anti-Semitism.

God's in His free choice and in absolute free grace has eternally chosen Israel. He did not choose Israel because of any goodness or intrinsic worth in her. God's election of Israel is unconditional. It was not based on anything in her (Deut. 7:7-8; 9:4-6). Nowhere in the Word of God is it taught that God chose Israel because of her inherent greatness. Israel's greatness lies in the fact that God chose her.

God's gracious election of Israel was eternal. God did not replace Israel with the church as taught in the reformed movement (e.g., Calvinists, Presbyterians). Since this is a point of contention within Christianity, I am providing eight eternal guarantees from God that the election of Israel is eternal.

1. The eternal election of Israel is tied to the unalterable character of God Himself, Mal. 3:6.
2. The eternal election of Israel is tied to the inviolability of the covenant of God, Lev. 26:44-45; Gal. 3:15-22; Heb. 6:13-18.
3. The eternal election of Israel is tied to the irrevocability of the gifts and calling of God, Rom. 11:1-2, 25-29.
4. The eternal election of Israel is tied to God's promise never to flood the earth again, Isa. 54:7-9.
5. The eternal election of Israel is tied to the immobility of the mountains, Isa. 54:10.
6. The eternal election of Israel is tied to the immeasurability of the heavens and the impenetrability of the earth, Jer. 31:37.
7. The eternal election of Israel is tied to the planetary and tidal motion, Jer. 31:35-36.
8. The eternal election of Israel is tied to the earth's daily motion, Jer. 33:20-21, 25-26.

God's gracious election of Israel was not designed for elitism. God did not elect her for the purpose of her becoming prideful and arrogant. The Scriptures teach that God elected Israel for at least seven purposes.

1. She was elected to bring a blessing to the entire earth, Gen. 12:1-3; 22:18; Psa. 67:1-7; 72:1-20. This is why God placed Israel at the center or the navel of the rest of the nations—she was the land bridge between the nations which would continually have to pass through and come into contact with this blessed nation, Jer. 4:1-2; Eze. 5:5; 16:14; 38:12.
2. She was elected so that she would be a special nation to God. She could only be a blessing to others if she had a special relationship with God. There are at least eight aspects of this privilege. Israel was elected
  - a. as God's first-born son, Exod. 4:22-23;
  - b. as a servant nation, 4:22;
  - c. as a nation serving God, 3:12, 18;
  - d. as God's own people, 6:6-7;
  - e. as a special treasure and possession of God, 19:4-6;
  - f. as a holy people, 19:5;
  - g. as a nation covenanted to God alone, Rom. 9:4;
  - h. as a nation bearing God's glory, Isa. 43:7;
3. Israel was elected to be a kingdom of priests on God's behalf, Exod. 19:5. She would be the nation mediating priestly access for the nations. She was a kingdom of priests and ambassadors for God to the other nations.
4. Israel was elected so she could be a witness to the one, true God, Exod. 3:13-15. Israel was surrounded by idolatrous nations. She was to be a light of testimony to the pagan nations that crowded around her.
5. Israel was elected so that she would demonstrate God's gracious and faithful dealings available to all men. Her work was to proclaim His goodness for generations, Psa. 102:18-22; Rom. 15:4. Through the history of Israel the nations of the world could see the nature of sin, grace, judgment, and redemption.

6. Israel was elected so that she could be entrusted with the oracles of God, Rom. 3:2. Israel became the custodian of the Word of God, the very revelation of God Himself. The various aspects of the Messiah's life, death, and resurrection were enshrined in the oracles of Israel, 1 Cor. 15:3-4. God called Israel to be the recorder and preserver of His Spirit-inspired Word, 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21.
7. Israel was elected to bring the Messiah into the world, Rom. 9:5. This was undoubtedly her greatest calling. Jesus came into the world as God's Messiah, born of the seed of Abraham and in the line of David, Luke 1:26-35; Matt. 1:1; Rom. 1:3. This is why the Scriptures aver that "salvation is from the Jews," John 4:22—for salvation comes only through Israel's promised Messiah, John 4:25-26; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5-6.

Regardless of Israel's tergiversation, God is remains forever committed to her.

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