

Demonism (part 50: Conclusion of study of Israel)

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.)

We must remember that behind many of the struggles and sufferings of Israel—or the faithful remnant of any race (e.g., Job)—is the invisible war between God and Satan (Ezek. 14:14, 20; James 5:11). The angelic conflict is real, and Satan's primary objective is always to destroy the Jews, to wipe them off of the face of the earth.

Let's take a historical look at Satan's attack on Israel. First, Satan stood up against Israel in provoking David to number the people of Israel (1 Chron. 21:1; Psa. 109:6). Actually, God was using Satan (as He always does) to discipline Israel (2 Sam. 24:1), but David was, nevertheless, led away from trusting God by taking the census. He was moved to trust numbers of soldiers instead of God. Second, Satan stood up against Joshua the high priest in Zechariah's day (Zech. 3:1-2). As Joshua was ministering before the Lord, Satan stood at his right hand to accuse him, but Yahweh rebuked him. This prepared the way for the return of the priestly ministry in the post-captivity community. Third, we can see Satan arguing over the body of Moses, but Israel's guardian angel, Michael (Dan. 12:1), rebuked him again in the name of the Lord (Jude 9). In these Satanic attacks on Israel, we can see both his hatred of Israel as well as God's sovereign protection through angelic angels.

Revelation 12 provides unique insights into the character of Satan and his assaults on Israel (“woman”) and her “child” Jesus Christ. Regarding the profile of Satan, we have: 1) his titles such as “great dragon” (12:9) referring to his power, “old serpent” (12:9) referring to his deception, the “devil” (12:9) referring to his slanderous character, and “Satan” referring to his resistance; 2) his functions, such as “deceiving the whole world” (12:9) and “accusing believers” (12:10), and 3) his opposition, such as the merits of Christ’s death (12:11), the word of the believers’ testimony (12:11, 17), their spirit of martyrdom (12:11), and their obedience to the commandments of God (12:17).

Revelation 12:1-5 touches on Satan’s assaults on Christ in His first advent:

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. 4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Satan’s attack on Jesus Christ in His first advent continued from infancy to His death on the cross: 1) the slaughter of the babes by Herod, the precursor to Satan’s final Antichrist (Matt. 2:13-21), 2) the temptations in the desert (Matt. 4:1-11), 3) the Pharisee’s opposition to Christ (John 8:44), 4) Peter’s opposition to Christ (Matt. 16:16-23), 5) Judas (Luke 22:3-6); and 6) the crucifixion of Jesus Christ (Col. 2:13-15).

Revelation 12:13-17 provides insight into Satan’s attack on the woman, Israel:

And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. 14 And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

This attack on Israel will occur in the mid-Tribulation. Antichrist, Satan’s superman, will be attempting to utterly destroy Israel (2 Thess. 2:3-12; Matt. 24:15; Dan. 9:24-27). This will be the time of Jacob’s trouble (Jer. 30:7; Ezek. 20:33-38; Matt. 24:15-22) when two-thirds of the Jews in the land will be slaughtered, the worst Holocaust that the Jews will ever have to face (Zech. 13:7-9).

Why does Satan persecute Israel? First, he cannot attack Christ, who is now waiting in heaven for His eventual rule over the nations (Rev. 12:5,10). Since he cannot get to Christ, he goes after the “woman” who gave birth to Him. Second, if Satan can utterly wipe Israel off the face of the earth, Christ cannot come back at His second advent with His promises for her since there would be no covenant race left. All the covenant promises would then go unfulfilled, and the program of God would collapse. If Satan can destroy Israel, then he can destroy the plan of God. The fact that man has free will is what gives him a chance (so he thinks). The Bible declares that there will be a faithful remnant of Jews when the Lord returns. This is what Satan wants to prevent more than anything else.

The Holocaust was one of Satan’s best shots to accomplish his demonic goal of eradicating the Jew. His final shot will be with the final Hitlerian ruler, the Antichrist. Yes, there awaits in the wings of history another Holocaust, more demonic and more satanic—the final Holocaust for the Jewish people. However, no Hitler and no amount of activity on the part of the growing anti-Semitism of today (in the Arab world, and even in our present administration) can deter the plan of God for Israel. In the end, God will deliver her through her faithful remnant and bring her into the glorious millennium in all her glory for His glory—for the display of His Truth/Goodness/Beauty for all to see.

Satan does everything he can to conceal and tarnish the glory of God, the True/Good/Beauty of God. He has done a fantastic job on modern society and contemporary Christianity of hiding these glorious truths by removing metaphysics of Supreme BEING and the transcendentals. Consider the fact that hardly any Christian even knows what Christian metaphysics and the transcendentals are—even though there is a unique and glorious thirteen hundred year Christian heritage of Christian metaphysics. How many Christians even know what beauty/glory is, let alone how to manifest the glory/beauty of God in life. Consider the horrendous anti-intellectual state of Christianity. Consider the fact that virtually no Christian even knows their own God’s true name, ‘Ehyeh, or the nature of His nature (BE). This is unconscionable. You can be sure that the ignorance and darkness of these essential doctrines are no accidents, for

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19).

Let’s redouble our efforts

in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes (2 Cor. 2:11).

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