

## **Demonism (part 51: Buildup of the kings of the east)**

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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### **#6, Buildup of the kings of the east, Asian power**

We have noted much of Satan's activity (in #1-#5 above) in paving the way for the world to accept the Antichrist, everything from the one-world order to apostasy in the church and anti-Semitism in society. Satan has always been very effective in brainwashing a world that continues to reject God's matchless grace instantiated in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:19; Rom. 1:18-32; 3:11-19).

The Bible reveals that the human race is headed for an ultimate world war known as Armageddon. Contrary to Darwinism and Humanism, man is not headed for utopia. Rather, he is headed toward open battle with Jesus Christ on the plains of Meggido at His Second Advent. A look at contemporary history alongside the Bible reveals that the major players are already in place:

Isaiah 49:12 "Behold, these shall come from afar; And lo, these will come from the north and from the west, And these from the land of Sinim [China]."

Let's begin with Sinim, which refers to the ancient land of China. One of the significant developments of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries is the political, economic, and military awakening of the Orient. The great nations of Asia east of the Euphrates, which formerly had no important part in the history of Israel or the world, have become major international factors.

There is no record of any past war between Israel and the nations beyond the Euphrates. Yet, the Word of God is explicit that in the end times, there will be a two hundred million man army that attacks Jerusalem:

Revelation 16:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. 16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them. 17 And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. 18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they do harm. 20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; 21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the **kings from the east**. 13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; 14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.") 16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called HarMagedon.

One of the most staggering facts about this army from the East is the number of two hundred million men. Never in the history of the human race, until now, has there been an army of this size. The total number of men under arms in World War II on both sides of the conflict was never more than fifty million. The statistics of two hundred million men exceeded the entire population of the world when John wrote this prophecy. Today, however, China does have two hundred million men and woman engaging in serious training. As a matter of fact, back on May 21, 1965, in *Time* (page 35) Red China claimed to have this precise number involved in some type of military training.

Satan in his blind arrogance will seduce the kings of the East into attacking Israel in his last and unsuccessful attempt to hinder the plan of God. However, God is in complete control as He gives existence to all along with their free will choices and consequences. Jesus Christ will come to save His Jewish people when all the armies of the world are united in attacking them.

Zechariah 14:2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. 5 And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

According to this passage, at the end of the tribulation the armies opposing the Lord will attempt to capture Jerusalem with house-to-house fighting and will be temporarily successful. But Yahweh will empower the inhabitants of Jerusalem to fight like the mighty King of David (Zech. 12:8). Furthermore, He will send a plague upon all those who are fighting the Jews.

Zechariah 14:12 Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

Then the Lord will come and stand on the Mount of Olives from which He ascended (Acts 1:11, 12). The mount will split, providing a valley through which survivors may flee, and He “will seek to destroy all of the nations that come against Jerusalem” (Zech. 12:9). This is the Second Advent of Christ when Israel will recognize Jesus as her Messiah, acknowledging with deep contrition that He was the One whom their forefathers pierced (Zech. 12:10). The land will be healed and changed, and the “LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one” (14:9).

God is always in control. Yes, the players think they are in control. For example, Satan, the Antichrist, and his false prophet will send three demons to convince world leaders to send their troops to Megiddo. These demons will be able to work miracles which will convince the nations to mobilize for the battle of Armageddon. Yet, God is still in control as *Esse*. The Word of God teaches us that God is involved, Satan is involved, Antichrist is involved, and doubtless many governmental bodies will be involved by ratifying the actions of their leaders. But God is the One in absolute control of everything: He is *Esse* who gives existence to all along with their properties such as free will.

The fact that God is ultimately in control is a source of great comfort. Although we can see Satan's hand in the emergence of China as a superpower with its vast empire of a population five times that of the United States, 'Ehyeh is in control. Even though China is a superpower and has been led by the most ruthless communist leaders, God is in absolute control to the very end. About two hundred years ago Napoleon Bonaparte said, "When China awakens, the world will tremble." While there can be no doubt that China has awakened from being backward irrelevant nation to a major superpower with ruthless dictators possessing anti-Christian obsessions, God is still in control and promises that "all things work together for good for those who love the Lord" (Rom. 8:28). All we have to do is make sure that our first love is Jesus Christ and all will go well for us. What a deal!

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