

Demonism (part 52: Buildup of the kings of the east-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.

#6, Buildup of the kings of the east, Asian power (2)

At the end of the great tribulation ("the time of Jacob's trouble," Jer. 30:7), there will be an assembly in Palestine of innumerable forces representing many nations against Israel. This gathering is called Armageddon (which is only mentioned in Rev. 16:16):

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 Armageddon.

In the context of the oriental kings of the East (vs. 12) coming against Israel, we have the false trinity: the dragon which is Satan himself; the beast who is the revived Roman Empire; and the false prophet who is the second beast of Rev. 13:11 ff. "They" ["he" in KJV is based on inferior manuscripts] in verse 16 refers to demons: demons under the authority of Satan will gather all the kings of the earth against Israel and the Lord just prior to the Second Advent.

In short, Oriental hordes will cross the Euphrates and invade Palestine in the closing days of the tribulation, just before Jesus Christ returns upon the Mount of Olives to save His remnant. These Chinese leaders will be allied with the king of the North (Dan. 11:44), and their invasion will trouble the false Messiah as they advance in Palestine with their two hundred million-man army.

There can be no doubt that the emergence of modern China onto the world scene as a powerful geopolitical force fits within the prophecies concerning the last days after the rapture. Though we do not know when the rapture will take place, we do know what happens after the rapture: almost seven years after the rapture, China (kings of the east) will invade Israel with hundreds of millions of military forces.

Over the centuries many scoffed at the notion that China would ever be as powerful or ruthless as portrayed in the Word of God. Today China has a population well over a billion (almost five times that of the United States). It is led by the most ruthless communist leaders. And they are looking hungrily at their Asian neighbors of Taiwan, India, and the Philippines.

"Thanks" to American economic policies this backward nation, China, which otherwise would never have been able to compete economically on the world scene, is experiencing unprecedented growth. Our present administration's obsessive attitude of appeasement to any and all threats *abroad* will only serve to further strengthen the ruthless, godless, and dedicated Chinese communists leaders' positions and weaken ours. Our past concessions to China purchased by millions of dollars in illegal campaign donations to the Clinton campaign demonstrate the degeneracy of our government officials. "One-worlders" (which includes Clinton) have done everything they can to bring about a one-world government which, they believe, is the only solution to this war-torn world in which we live. At present, the primary objective of the world planners is to enable China to grow in the twenty-first century as a major player on the world scene of nations. Little do they realize they are playing into the hands of the cosmic-world planner who will usher in the government of the Antichrist just prior to the tribulation.

China is no longer a paper tiger it has been for almost 5,000 years. It has enormous economic and military potential. As Napoleon noted, "When China awakens, the world will tremble." It is awake today. Many experts recognize that within ten years, China could threaten the whole world even more than the Soviet Union did just a few decades ago. China has nuclear weapons and a delivery system feared by every country in the Orient. It is trafficking in arms beyond belief by buying them from Russia and selling them to oil-rich allies than can afford them. It recently regained Hong Kong and its demand for Taiwan and the Spratly Islands indicates its desire to control all of Asia. Whoever control the Spratlys not only controls the oil check points to the oil dependent country of the East, including Japan, Taiwan, and the

Philippines, but also Australia, Indonesia, and Singapore—where 50 percent of the world’s population lives. China is also attempting to gain a foothold in the Panama Canal in America’s absence.

We need to keep Christians in China in our prayers. There is an estimated 60 million Christians in China. They know what it is like to be persecuted and to live under the threat of persecution. There are two kinds of churches in China: 1) approved or mainline churches that agree not to teach the forbidden doctrines of the inerrancy of Scripture and the second coming of Jesus Christ (two doctrines Satan has always opposed); and 2) the underground, or house churches, that teach the whole Bible until they are discovered and imprisoned. It is in these home churches that thousands are coming to the Lord weekly. It is uncanny how the doctrine that the China government censors more than any other Christian teaching is the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. They fear it more than any other biblical teaching. They devote more energy to stamping out any mention of the Lord’s return than against any other anti-Christian activity: e.g., directives to state-controlled churches warning pastors not to preach the message of Revelation and to skip Heb. 9:28; Sunday School teachers are not allowed to discuss the “the day of the Lord” predicted in both the Old and New Testaments; the Olivet Discourse, recorded in three of the gospels, is forbidden; many Chinese hymns of the Second Advent and millennial reign of Christ are no longer sung in registered Chinese churches. It has been said, “Nothing so upsets the dragon as the mention of Christ’s return, and nothing so comforts the Chinese church and missions.” Contrast this with many American Christians who have little time or care for face-to-face biblical teaching or assembling with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

One thing we can be certain: China is not going to go away. It will be interesting in the years ahead to see Russia (king of the North) and China (kings of the East) contend for supremacy in their areas. Without realizing it, they both could be very close to preparing themselves for Armageddon when the Lord will slay all that come against Israel—His only chosen nation! And we believers will have a front row seat to see it all as we return with Him (Rev. 19:5-16).

In ‘Ehyeh,

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