

Demonism (part 54: Build-up of the king of the north – Russian Power (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.**
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#7, Buildup of the King of the North (Magog), Russian power (2)

As we survey the various world powers, we can see how they are lining up according to biblical prophecy. This underscores the fact that God is in control and He has not left us in the dark about the end-times. As a matter of fact with regard to Russia, the king of the North (of Israel), Scripture tells us that God personally moves Russia against Israel. As we have noted in previous classes, this is God working along man as He gives man free will and then uses it for His own purposes (cf., our studies of Pharaoh and first and second order wills). Note how God is in control of the king of the North all the while giving him free will:

Ezekiel 38:10 "Thus says the Lord God, "It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan,

Daniel 4:34 "But at the end of that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35 "And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What hast Thou done?'

Ezekiel 38:4 "And I will turn you about, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords . . .
8 "After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.

Ezekiel 39:2 and I shall turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

As Israel is confronted with overwhelming forces from Russia and China, the kings of the North and East, Israel will turn to God, and He will do for modern Israel what He did for ancient Israel. As the sovereign God, He will deliver Israel from the hands of her oppressors. As certain as it is that Russia and the hordes from the East come down against Israel, God will destroy the invading forces and deliver Israel supernaturally. We are even given some of the details regarding God's destruction of the king of the North and her allies. Evidently, the Russians and those in alliance with her will begin an airborne invasion while infantry launches a ground assault. But at a strategic moment, God generates a powerful and destructive earthquake that causes people to tremble at His presence. This catastrophe will manifest the power of a supernatural God.

Ezekiel 38:19 "And in My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. 20 "And the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse, and every wall will fall to the ground.

Jesus Himself predicted that earthquakes would be one of the signs of His return and the end of the age (Matt. 24:7). We also have testimony in Revelation of massive earthquakes in and near the end-times. We are told that during the first quarter of the tribulation, a mighty earthquake will create havoc throughout the entire world:

Revelation 6:12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of

Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

Another earthquake in the middle of the tribulation will rock the city of Jerusalem.

Revelation 11:13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Still another earthquake at the end of the tribulation could very well be the mightiest earthquake ever to shake the earth.

Revelation 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." 18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty. 19 And the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

Seismic activity around the globe has exploded over the last few decades. It is as if Jesus' words, "There shall be . . . earthquakes in various places" (Matt, 24:7), were given to those alive in the end times as a foreshadowing of things to come. Tremors are reported every hour. It seems no geographical area is immune from earthquakes these days. Killer quakes are on the rise: in the 1950s there were nine; in the 1960s there were 13; in the 1970s there were 51; in the 1980s there were 86; and from 1990-2000, there were about 200. Earthquakes are one of the birth pains of the end-times. They will only increase in the coming years. Once the pains start, we know that the "baby" is coming sooner or later.

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