

Burdensome Stone

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For Discussion: In A World Obsessed With Jerusalem, How Can You Not See Bible Prophecy Unfolding?

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Paraguay has become the sixth country to move its Embassy to Jerusalem.

- The relocations began with President Trump's move of the American Embassy to Jerusalem in 2018.
- The US was followed by Guatemala, Honduras, Kosovo, Papua New Guinea, and now, Paraguay.

How should we respond to scoffers accusing Bible prophecy enthusiasts of "newspaper eschatology"?

Newspaper eschatology attempts to fit the news into what the Bible reveals about the future.

- How can you not see Bible prophecy unfolding in the world around us apart from an unbelief in what Scripture reveals about our day?

How is the Global Alliance setting the stage for the fulfillment of Bible prophecy?

The Global Alliance has been meeting in Saudi Arabia and Brussels to figure out how to have peace in the Mideast. These largely unnoticed meetings have prophetic implications that leap from the news accounts of it.

- Over 90 nations including the U.S. and Israel have been meeting to press for establishing a Palestinian state believing that is the only path to Mideast peace.
- The group has the goal of putting in place a 7-10-year peace agreement that would divide the Land and the city of Jerusalem via a two-state solution.

How does the agenda of the Global Alliance prepare for the antichrist's arrival?

It points to the future fulfillment of at least three specific Bible prophecies that are in some way preparing for the antichrist's arrival on the world scene:

- It involves a 7-year covenant

- It reveals the world's obsession with Jerusalem
- It seeks to divide the land of Israel

What is the significance of a 7-year covenant?

Daniel 9:27 – *he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate*

The antichrist will make a seven-year covenant with Israel, which he will break at the halfway point by defiling the temple in Jerusalem.

- We don't know whether or not the meetings of the Global Alliance will fulfill Daniel 9:27.
- However, this group of "many" nations want a peace covenant with Israel, and they are thinking in terms of it being of a specific length of 7-10 years.

What is the initiating event of the Tribulation?

The Bible says there will be a time when the antichrist confirms a peace covenant with the many for 7 years.

- Since this agreement is connected with the antichrist committing the Abomination of Desolation, it likely involves permission for Israel to build a temple.

Isn't it stunning to see Israel and the nations negotiating to initiate such an agreement?

This reveals how close we have to be to the beginning of the Tribulation; the end of the Church Age has to be close.

What does God think about Jerusalem?

2 Chronicles 6:5-6 – *Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.*

And there is also this...

2 Chronicles 7:15-6 – *Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.*

There is no other place on planet Earth where God makes this declaration. His eyes and His heart are perpetually in Jerusalem.

Ezek 5:5 – *This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.*

God considers Jerusalem the eternal capital of Israel, and He has placed it at the center of all the nations.

- Jerusalem has been Israel's capital for 3,000 years, dating back to the time of King David.
- Jerusalem is mentioned over 850 times in the Bible and not once in the Quran, and yet most nations are more sympathetic to the Palestinians than the Jews.

What is the significance of the world's obsession with Jerusalem?

Zechariah 12:2-3 – *Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.*

About 2,500 years ago, the Lord told Zechariah that He would focus the world's attention on Jerusalem during the last days.

- The Global Alliance has an obsession with Zionism. It's this mindset that will lead to the battle of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation.
- Even if the meetings of the Global Alliance don't prepare the way for the antichrist's covenant with Israel, it verifies the world's obsession with Jerusalem.
- Why else are the nations so focused on tiny Israel?
 - Why else would Israel's claim of Jerusalem as its capital be so controversial?

Where else besides the Mideast is there an obsession for peace?

The nations are not meeting to impose a peace plan on Ukraine and Russia for their war, which has lasted much longer than the current Mideast conflict.

- Rather than trying to resolve the war, NATO nations are sending Ukraine weapons to keep it going. Other nations are aiding Russia's war effort, too.

Why is there such an obsession with bringing peace to the Mideast?

It is spiritual... it is a physical manifestation of a spiritual war between holy angels and fallen angels trying to thwart God's plan.

- The human rationale is that since the conflicts in the Mideast are such a difficult problem to resolve, it is a prerequisite for world peace.

What will happen to those who burden themselves with Jerusalem?

Those who struggle with making Jerusalem other than the capitol of Israel will be cut in pieces according to God through Zechariah.

- There will be consequences for those who are aligned against God.

What does it tell us that *all the people of the earth be gathered together against Jerusalem*?

The whole world will seek to be rid of Israel. We are already seeing that among Muslims. But antisemitism is not limited to Muslims, we also see it in the West among Leftists and even on the extreme Right.

- Some believe that globalists are largely represented by Jews who are out to control the world.

Why does Satan hate Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jewish people so much?

Because God loves them and has made promises to them.

- If Satan can destroy the Lord's chosen people and nation, he believes he can render the promises void and make the God of Israel a liar.

This endeavor by Satan to thwart God is an effort to avoid judgment.

- Genesis 3:15 tells us that the seed of the woman (Messiah Jesus) will crush the head of the serpent. Per Ephesians 2:2, Satan is working overtime in the "*sons of disobedience*" to carry out his dirty work.
- That is why the majority of the nations refuse to acknowledge Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital.

Why are we seeing antisemitism among Christians?

1. Replacement Theology – the idea that the church has replaced Israel in the plan of God.
2. Scoffers – they are ignorant of Bible prophecy and don't believe that there is any connection between modern and ancient Israel
3. Israel is unbelieving – sure, they are a secular nation like most nations including the USA.
4. Propaganda – they believe the media that is predominately antisemitic (Satan is not called the prince of the power of the air for no reason).
5. Worldly – they have compromised with the world's culture so much that they are aligned with the world's ungodly philosophy and politics.
6. Noahide Laws – Fear that radical Judaism will start enforcing the racist, anti-Christian Noahide Laws.
7. Christ Killers – the biblically ignorant cultural Christians blame the Jews for Jesus going to the cross (it is amazing that this rationale is still around)

What promises has God made to Israel?

- God made a covenant with Abraham promising a land, a seed and a blessing: Genesis 12:1-3
- The land has specific boundaries yet to be fulfilled: Genesis 15:18-21
- God's covenant was reconfirmed through Isaac, Jacob and his 12 sons: Genesis 26:2-4, 28:13, 50:24
- God cares about the land and will bless/discipline Israel for obedience/disobedience: Deut 11:8-17
- The land is promised based on God's character and not Israel's performance: Deuteronomy 7:7-9
- Israel will never be destroyed because of God's promise of eternal protection: Jeremiah 31:35-37
- God promised Israel a New Covenant when He will remember their sins no more: Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Israel's glorious future includes a final restoration to the land: Ezekiel 39:25-29

How have we seen antisemitism today?

After Oct 7, 2023, there were worldwide protests against Israel insisting that they deserved the Hamas terror attack.

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About twenty years ago, Wikipedia compiled a definition of Zionism that was as unbiased as could be on that platform: "**Zionism** is a political movement among Jews holding that the **Jewish people constitute a nation and are entitled to a national homeland**... The word 'Zionist' derives from the word 'Zion,' being one of the names of Jerusalem, as mentioned in the Bible. To diaspora Jews, Zion has been a symbol of the Holy Land and of their return to it, as promised by God in Biblical prophecies."

Wikipedia in 2024 has changed the definition of Zionism drastically: "**Zionism** is an **ethno-cultural nationalist** movement that emerged in Europe in the late 19th century and aimed for the establishment of a Jewish state through the **colonization** of a land outside Europe. With the rejection of alternate proposals for a Jewish state, it eventually focused on the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, a region corresponding to the Land of Israel in Judaism, and of central importance in Jewish history. Zionists wanted to create a Jewish state in Palestine with as much land, as many Jews, and as few **Palestinian Arabs as possible**. Following the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Zionism became Israel's national or state ideology."

- Words such as *ethno-cultural nationalist*, *colonization*, *as few Palestinian Arabs as possible* are very dangerous.
- Wikipedia even questions Jewish ethnicity, when they state, "*the application of the Biblical concepts of Jews as the chosen people and the Promise Land*"

- Zionism is, "*the belief that modern Jews are the primary descendants of biblical Jews and Israelites.*" This gets pretty close to the antisemitic conspiracy theory about Jews being the descendants of Eastern European Khazars.

What is the significance of the world seeking to divide the land of Israel?

The clear intent of the Global Alliance is to divide both the land of Israel and Jerusalem in order to make the two-state solution a reality.

Joel 3:2 – *I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.*

How is it possible to miss the prophetic significance of their agenda? The Lord said this would happen during the end times, and He also promised that He would judge them as a result.

- The Global Alliance has just recently come into existence. However, there's nothing new about their proposed solutions; Scripture warned long ago that this mindset would prevail in the last days.

What is keeping the Tribulation from starting?

What we don't yet see is the Antichrist driving the peace agenda and finalizing the deal. That's the missing piece, which cannot happen while the church is present.

- That's because the Holy Spirit is currently restraining the beast (see 2 Thess 2:7-8). He can't jump onto the world stage and drive the peace process for Israel until after the Rapture.
- It's only after the evil-restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit ends that the Antichrist will be able to galvanize world opinion into finalizing the 7-year peace deal with Israel.

What do the Global Alliance meetings reveal?

The Global Alliance meetings tell us initialization of the Tribulation is close since they are preparing the way for the man of lawlessness to make his big splash as the one with all the right solutions.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- The Antichrist's 7-year covenant with Israel is in development; we are close!
- The world is obsessed with Jerusalem as expected for the end of the Age!
- The world seeks to divide the land of Israel which will trigger God's judgment!