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ISRAEL'S POSITION AMONG THE GENTILE NATIONS

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Israel is *God's firstborn son*, the one and only nation among all the nations which God recognizes as possessing *the rights of the firstborn* — a firstborn right among nations, which, among other things, includes *the right to hold the sceptre, the right to rule*.

Note that which God instructed Moses, 3,500 years ago, to tell the Assyrian Pharaoh ruling Egypt after God had sent him back to His people to lead them out of Egypt:

“...Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn.

And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn” (Ex. 4:22b, 23).

The Pharaoh of Egypt, through this announcement, was to understand that Israel was the nation, separate from all other nations, which God recognized as possessing the rights of primogeniture. Israel was the nation which God recognized as possessing the right to hold the sceptre, not Egypt.

Then, with Israel exercising these rights (which the nation will one day exercise, though that is far from the case today) — rights which can never be taken from the nation, for Israel will never cease to be God's firstborn son — *the Gentile nations are not only to be ruled by but also to be blessed through*

Israel (in accordance with Gen. 12:2, 3, realizing another part of the rights of the firstborn, the priestly rights).

The Gentile nations today rule under Satan and his angels (in accordance with that seen in Dan. 10:12-20). But Israel, not to be reckoned among the nations, occupies a position separate from this rule (in accordance with that also referenced in this chapter in Daniel, in v. 21).

Note the sharp contrast in the government of the earth as it has existed during the last 2,600 years and as it will exist yet future once God's purpose for the Times of the Gentiles has been realized. Conditions in the government of the earth are quite different when the Gentiles hold the sceptre (present), as opposed to Israel holding the sceptre (past, but more particularly future).

Also note in connection with the whole overall matter that the descendants of Shem through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — comprising the nation of Israel — form the only nation on the face of the earth with a God (Gen. 9:26; Ps. 33:12). And for the Gentile nations, without a God, to acquire spiritual wealth and blessings, *they must go to the one nation with a God. They must go to the nation of Israel* (something really not possible today because of *Israel's condition and position among the nations*).

The Gentile nations though do possess *gods*, but not the one true and living God. *The gods of the nations* are said to be “nothing” compared to the one true and living God (I Chron. 16:26; Ps. 96:5). *The gods of the nations* could be anything separate from God Himself — *materialism, demons in Satan's kingdom, etc.*

All of the Gentile nations find themselves in the same position, *in the natural realm*. And they simply cannot move from that realm into the spiritual realm (except, of course, that spiritual realm where Satan and his angels operate, which is aligned with the natural). The man of flesh

simply cannot function in the realm where the man of spirit exists.

Many individuals out of the nations, over centuries of time, have moved from the natural into the spiritual realm *through a Saviour which came from the one nation with a God*. But it is *not possible* for the nations themselves to do this. Again, nations simply cannot function in this realm.

In this respect, there is *no such thing as a Gentile nation with a God, or a Gentile nation which can be referred to as a Christian nation (the Church, taken mainly from the Gentiles, is referred to as a “nation” and has a God, though the Church is neither Jew nor Gentile but one new man, a new creation “in Christ,” with a heavenly citizenship [Matt. 21:43; I Peter 2:9, 10; cf. II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 2:11-15; Phil. 3:20])*.

Gentile nations, in their governmental structure today, rule within a form of a theocracy, though a corrupted form connected with Satan and his angels. “Satan” is *the god of this present age* (II Cor. 4:4), and he and his angels *rule through the Gentile nations from their place in a heavenly sphere* (Dan. 10:13-20).

God rules the entire universe, and He rules over all parts of His kingdom through angels whom He has placed in regal positions throughout the universe. The earth, one province in the universe, is ruled in this manner, though presently through a rebel ruler. *God presently rules the earth through Satan, the god of this age*.

God has delegated power to Satan, and Satan, in turn, has delegated power to subordinate angels ruling with him. It is this delegated power and regal position (his throne) which Satan will give to the Beast during the coming Tribulation (Rev. 13:2; cf. Ezek. 28:14; Luke 4:5, 6). Then the Beast will rule in this same manner *under God, as a rebel ruler in a corrupted form of the theocracy*.

It is immaterial whether a nation's government is like that of the United States (where there

is a separation of religious and civil powers) or like that of a Moslem country (where religious and civil powers are inseparably connected), in the final analysis all Gentile governments have a common connection. *All occupy their positions directly under Satan and his angels, who rule in a rebel respect under God.*

There is only *one nation* on the face of the earth with a government which rules after any other fashion than the preceding, and that's the one nation with a God, the nation which is *not to be* "reckoned among the nations" (Num. 23:9), *the nation of Israel.*

The angelic princes of the Gentile nations (each nation has a prince, with other princes under him), who rule through the nations from a heavenly sphere, are *demons* (Dan. 10:13-20).

But Israel's angelic prince, ruling through the Jewish nation in the same manner, is *Michael* (Dan. 10:21), and Michael (evidently with a host of angels as well [cf. Rev. 12:7]) exercises power under God separate from Satan and his angels.

This is why God could establish a theocracy and rule in the midst of Israel during Old Testament days. As well, this is also why God will be able to establish a theocracy in the world yet future.

"Israel" is *the key*. Since Abraham's day, the separate creation during Jacob's day, and the subsequent inception of the nation during Moses' day, *God has looked upon and dealt with the Gentile nations through one nation alone, through Israel* (cf. Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 4:22, 23; 12:2; 19:5, 6; Isa. 43:1-11; Zech. 2:8).

And the manner in which God deals with the nations in this respect can NEVER change (Rom. 11:29).

Israel's position relative to the nations is why Israel must be brought to the place of repentance, Gentile world power destroyed, Satan and his angels removed from power, and God's three firstborn Sons [Christ, Israel, and the Church (fol-

lowing the adoption)] placed in power (cf. Gen. 1:26-28; Heb. 2:5).

Satan knows this, and over millenniums of time he has done *everything within his power* to thwart God's plans and purposes by launching his attack *at the fountainhead, seeking to destroy Israel.*

And this is why Satan will give *his power, his throne, and great authority* to the earth's last ruler during the Times of the Gentiles (Rev. 13:2b). Satan will use this man in *a final, climactic attempt to do away with the nation of Israel.*

But God, in His sovereign control of all things, will use this man's efforts to achieve *a completely opposite end* — to bring about *His Own predetermined plans and purposes for Israel.* Matters in that day will be as in the words of Haman's wise men and his wife, Zeresh, relative to Haman attempting to slay Mordecai:

"If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him" (Esther 6:13b).

(For additional information on the preceding, refer to the author's book, THE MOST HIGH RULETH.)

Satan, of course, knows all of the preceding, whether Israel and the nations, or Christians, know or do not know these things. And well he should know these things, for he and his angels have been ruling through the Gentile nations (knowing that they can't rule through Israel) for millenniums.

And, throughout this time, Satan has been doing and will continue doing everything within his power to prevent the one nation with a God from ever fully exercising her God-ordained position as *firstborn son*. He knows that should this occur, not only would he have to relinquish the sceptre but conditions relative to Israel and the nations would become as described in Zech. 8:20-23.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; it shall yet come to pass, that there shall come a people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also.

Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you."

And in an effort to prevent the preceding from ever occurring, Satan and his angels, ruling from a heavenly sphere through the Gentile nations on earth, have been seeking for decades in the Middle East, through the nations, to bring about that stated in Psalm chapter eighty-three.

In this Psalm, ten Gentile nations are seen allying themselves against Israel in the preceding respect, foreshadowing the ten-kingdom confederacy of Gentile nations which will one day rule under Antichrist and ally itself against Israel in exactly the manner presented.

"They [the ten nations] have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be *no more in remembrance.*

They have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee" (vv. 4, 5).

But, as Scripture clearly attests, it will all be for naught. God has already spoken concerning the matter. God has already had the final Word.

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