

# Israel— Center of Attention

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To understand the centuries of hatred, persecution, and opposition of the Jewish people, we need to know that this has always been a *spiritual* matter that goes back to the time of creation and the serpent in the Garden of Eden.

This serious persecution of the Jews is *opposite* to what we would naturally think. Israel's enemies brutally attacked *them* on their Sabbath in October of 2023—which shocked the sensibilities of many around the world.

Instead of the world siding with *Israel*, the majority sided with their *enemy*. Anti-Israel protests took place around the country and the world after this demonic attack on them.

Satan is the enemy of Israel, the Jews, and every believer in Jesus. The devil is called Lucifer, Beelzebul, the Accuser and many other names.

Artists depict him in human-like form with a pitchfork, but behind the sketches lies a real, ancient, deadly, and ever-present danger.

Satan comes from *sahtan*—and translated, *adversary*, *opponent*, and *enemy*. Lucifer turned away from God and opposes all that is *of* God. Satan is *the* enemy and the one *at enmity* with all believers in Jesus.

*Sahtan* is also translated *Diabolos*—or one who accuses, slanders, and assaults. The devil is

in back of the most atrocious, horrendous, and diabolical acts against God's people anyone could ever imagine.

Jesus said to those hostile to Him <sup>AV</sup> **John 8:44** that their father was "*the devil*," and the wicked things *he* does "*ye will do*," as Satan "*was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him*."

The enemy tries to destroy anything of God—that is where the *hatred* of Israel originates.

Diabolos is not a comical being in a red cape, but a dangerously real, wicked, and active agent in back of the most atrocious, horrendous, wicked, and diabolical acts against God's people down through the ages.

The Jewish people have been attacked and persecuted from the beginning of time, but they have survived to this day—proving that there *is* a living God and there *is* a wicked devil.

The Jews are called "*the Chosen people*," but God did not actually choose them as much as He *called* them. He began with them simply because He loved them and just wanted them to *love* and *obey* Him.

On Mount Sinai God told Moses <sup>AV</sup> **Exodus 19:5** "*These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel*."

*Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:*

*6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation."*

Israel is a *vessel* of God, a central *conduit* and *instrument* for the fulfillment of His *plans* and *purposes*. Israel would be a blessing to *all nations* **Genesis 12:3**.

It was through the Jewish people that the Word of God was given; through Israel came the *knowledge* of God to every tribe, language,

and nation—giving them and us a living hope and purpose for living.

Israel stands at the center point of history and prophecy. <sup>NKJV</sup> **Isaiah 43:10** "*You are My witnesses*," says the Lord, "*And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.*"

From the beginning, the enemy would wage war against God and against the people He brought into the world to be a *blessing* for the world.

The enemy has always tried to eliminate them because in doing this, is also destroys their witness of God's existence.

The Jews have become the most *hated* people on earth, and they would be the *target* of the enemy's evil plans to destroy them. He would use any means or people acting *for* him to oppress them, persecute them, and exterminate them.

This has always been the *spiritual* war—a real enemy exists who tries to oppress, harm, and attack us—just because we believe *in* and trust *on* God. The hatred of Israel is called *anti-semitism* and all such activity is a serious sin against God.

Israel is *hated* because it *exists*. The *existence* of the Jewish people testifies to the *existence* of God—because it is *through* Him they are in the world and *by* Him they still live in a hostile world.

All who hate the Jewish people are following the *enemy* of everyone. <sup>AV</sup> **Revelation 12:10** "*For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*"

Since the devil is the *accuser*, we are not surprised that the Jewish people are the most accused and slandered people in history.

All the false accusations, lies, and fabrications come from the devil—the father of lies. It

is why we AV **Ephesians 6:11** “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the *wiles* of the devil.”

*Wiles* comes the Greek word *method*—as it is an evil plan and strategy used for *deception* and *evil*. Satan schemes to harm, oppress, and destroy.

From the ancient Pharaohs to the demonic acts of today, it is the *same hatred* against the *same people* God selected to be a witness for Him.

A vision is seen—AV **Revelation 12:1** “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.”

The woman depicts the nation of Israel. It says she is clothed with the *sun*, with the *moon* under her feet, and crowned with twelve *stars*.

That imagery is seen in NKJV **Genesis 37:9**. Joseph said to his brothers “I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

The sun represents his father—Jacob; the moon his mother—Rachel; and the eleven stars—his eleven brothers, who, along with him, made up the twelve *sons* of Israel and from whom came the twelve *tribes* of Israel.

In the writings of ancient prophets, Israel is symbolized as a woman—and in this vision the woman is clothed with the *sun*, with the *moon* at her feet, and a crown of twelve *stars*—and all representing Israel.

AV **Revelation 12:3** “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”

This dragon is depicted as a venomous snake. AV **Revelation 12:9** “And the great dragon was cast

out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.”

The devil, as a serpent, is terrifying—a devourer, poisonous, venomous, and deadly. This dragon is *red*—depicting *fire*, bloodshed, and war. This dragon is huge with 7 heads, 10 horns, and 7 crowns. And it is ferocious and furious like Satan.

The woman is with child and points to Israel bringing forth the *Word*, the *presence* and *knowledge* of God.

AV **Revelation 12:2** “And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.”

The child would bear the name *Yeshua* Jesus. AV **Revelation 12:5** “And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”

The *child* will rule all nations as the Messiah who came from Israel. AV **Revelation 12:4** “The dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

The enemy wars against the plans of God and seeks to destroy anyone who trusts in God. King Herod wanting to kill the baby born in Bethlehem.

AV **Revelation 12:13** “And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”

The vision is about the Messiah’s birth and the end of the age. The dragon’s rage against the woman is in persecuting the Jewish people and is the war waged against the Jewish people from the beginning.

Israel’s bringing the child *Yeshua* into the world *enabled* the world to have a *knowledge* of God—and this would *alter* world history.

The persecution of the Jewish people is an ancient vendetta because of Israel bringing into the world the knowledge of *God* and the *Messiah*.

AV **Revelation 12:15** “And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.”

The persecution of the Jewish people comes from the *mouth* of enemies in the form of lies, slander, and propaganda.

AV **Revelation 12:16** “And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”

The *flood* depicts the deluge of *hatred* and *evils* against Israel—but God provides an escape.

NKJV **Revelation 12:17** “And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

The enemy is furious, revengeful, and hostile toward anyone who *obeys* God and *trusts* in Him.

The enemy’s intention is always death and destruction—seen from the loss of life in past times, to the horrors of recent atrocities.

The *hope* we have is that *Yeshua* has overcome the enemy—AV **John 16:33** “These things I have spoken unto you, that in *me* ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; **I have overcome the world.**”

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