

Israel— the Mystery Revealed

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John 16:27 *the Father Himself loves you,*
Isaiah 14:14 *I will be like the most High*
Luke 21:20 *When you see Jerusalem*
Jer 31:8 *I will bring them from the north*

1 With so much evil and conflict in the world, we wonder how people can act the way many do toward fellow humans—and especially how those God selected to be His special people could be hated, mistreated, and opposed as they have been.

2 From the time of creation, the enemy has waged a war against God and against the people He brought into the world, so the world could be blessed *through* them.

3 Satan has tried to abolish the Jewish people because they are a witness to God's presence in the world.

4 The fact that the Jews are *hated* by so many people for so many years, proves that there *is a God* who loves and protects them, and there *is a devil* who hates and attacks them.

5 The existence of both God and Satan cannot be denied, although the world continues to mock

those who believe that both exist—one a loving God and the other an evil devil.

6 The believer in Jesus has always had to fight this spiritual war against a spiritual enemy, who is constantly trying to discourage us, to harm us, to oppress us, and to attack us—simply because we believe *in* and trust *on* the living God of the Bible. It is *not* a mystery.

7 NIV Revelation 12:3 “*An enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads,*” is seen.

8 Satan is furious because his attempts to harm Israel have failed—so WEY Revelation 12:17 “*he went elsewhere to make war upon her other children—those who keep God's commandments and hold fast to the testimony of Jesus.*”

9 Jesus told His followers NKJV John 16:27 “*for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.*”

10 That is the *encouragement* we have; that is our *purpose* in life; and it is the *promise* we cling to every day.

11 We continue to trust and serve God because His Son is returning for us—we hold on to the *hope* that *Yeshua* will prevail and protect us.

12 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.*”

13 It should not be a mystery to anyone since the ancient prophets have foretold us.

14 Now we know these are the last days. What does the future hold? Where will it all lead? And what is the mystery of the Dragon?

15 For centuries people have tried to disprove the existence of God, but from the beginning He gave His creation a choice—a choice to love and obey Him, or to doubt and deny Him. The fact that evil exists cannot be debated; and to deny is to deny reality.

16 Evil is a problem because it was *not* created—it was a *choice* given from the beginning. Evil is not *of* creation and exists in opposition *to* creation. Evil is a personal *choice* requiring consciousness, free-will, and intent. Evil is an inversion of truth.

17 Evil seeks destruction and opposes anything that is good. Truth can exist without lies; but lies cannot exist without truth.

18 If evil was not created, how did it come to exist? God did *not* create evil, but He *did* create *choice* and *free-will*. The good must be *chosen* and requires free-will. To allow the choosing of good, one must allow the choosing of its opposite—evil.

19 A high-ranking angel turned against God and His created order. Satan inverted the good that became evil. He became the devil.

20 Satan is depicted in cartoonish form—so his existence is often dismissed—but his presence is *real* and if we *dismiss* it or *ignore* it, we do so at our *own peril*.

21 Satan is called the Prince of Darkness; Beelzebub; the Father of Lies, and the Devil. He is an opponent, adversary, and the enemy.

22 He has waged war against God ever since he fell of his own choosing—saying AV Isaiah 14:14 “*I will be like the most High.*”

23 It was a vow of defiance and replacement—he attacks the *will* of God; he thwarts the *plans* and *purposes* of God; and he wars *against* God's creation—seeking to destroy anything *of* God and all who trust *in* God.

24 AV John 8:44 Satan “*was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.*”

25 Man is the *center* of God's creation and bears God's *image*, so the devil seeks our destruction so he can destroy the image of *God*. The devil wants to separate us *from* God and have us *turn away* from the Word of God.

26 It seems that the Jews have never quite fit into the world and had to journey in the wilderness for forty years to reach the Promised Land.

27 It says AV Numbers 23:9 “*the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned [or counted] among the nations.*”

28 No group of people have ever known so much rejection, opposition, and hatred. No other nation is so *joined* to one land as Israel has been—and yet were *separated* from their land and *landless* for many years.

29 Israel has been the *weakest* of nation and yet the *strongest*; the most *vulnerable* of peoples and yet most *enduring* of peoples. They are an *enigma*, a *paradox*, and a *mystery* people.

30 In all this, Israel and the Jews have God—who called them into existence because He *loved* them and just wanted them to *love Him* in return.

31 The first anti-Semite—hatred against Jews—was the angel Satan who fell from that position—showing the *choice* we all have to go *one* way or the *other*. All who hate the Jews join the devil in his hatred.

32 A Bible scholar says the vision of the Dragon stands in a specific *place* at a specific *time*; and the woman flees into a specific *wilderness*, where she stays for a specific number of *days*.

33 For 2,000 years, the Jewish people have *not* been in one *place* at one *time* but were scattered throughout the world.

34 All those years, there had not been a nation of Israel existing in one *specific location*. The vision’s fulfillment is based on the Jews being a nation in one place and time.

35 The Messiah was born in a unified land of Israel but that is all changed. Jesus foretold what would happen.

36 NKJV Luke 21:20 “*When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near...*

37 24 “*They will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*”

38 In AD 70, Rome destroyed the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem and leveled the city. The Jews were taken captive which began a 2,000-year exile from their homeland—resulting in the people being scattered throughout the world from ancient times to the modern world.

39 All this was foretold long before it happened. AV Deuteronomy 28:64 “*And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other.*”

40 All that happened was foretold in Scripture, but what happened *to* them in the lands where they were dispersed was unprecedented.

41 NKJV Deuteronomy 28:66 “*Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.*”

42 In all their wanderings, the Jewish people would experience much persecution. Then in the 20th Century—NKJV Deuteronomy 30:5 “*The Lord your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.*”

43 They were scattered all over the world and “*after many days*,” Israel would be brought home.

44 NKJV Hosea 3:4 “*For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim [idol].*”

45 God Himself would gather them back to the land as a shepherd gathers his flock. NKJV Jeremiah 31:8 “*Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth...9 They shall come with weeping, And with supplications [prayers] I will lead them.*”

46 They came as prophesied—from the north country of Russia, and from the ends of the earth. This had never happened before—an ancient people scattered all over the globe, and with so many arrayed against them—to come back as a nation according to ancient prophecy.

47 AV Jeremiah 31:10 “*Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.*”

48 The return of the Jewish people to Israel is connected to the “*last days*.” Hosea said they would be “*many days*” without a kingdom or temple.

49 But AV Hosea 3:5 “*Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter [last] days.*”

50 The generation that sees the *return* to Israel witnesses the biblical sign of the end times. This refers to the Dragon—even though the vision begins with the *birth* of Jesus, its focus is on the *end* of the age.

51 The vision’s fulfillment means that the Jewish people must return to their homeland, Israel.

52 This is now actually happening as it was prophesied. The door has been opened for the final act in the war of *the Dragon* and *the woman*.

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