



Israel Under Attack Part 2

Daniel 10, Genesis 10, Genesis 6, Ephesians 6,
Psalms 82, Ezekiel 28, Revelation 19, Isaiah 60,
Deuteronomy 32, Jeremiah

Backsliding

A large, dark, weathered cross stands in a misty, dark landscape. The cross is made of thick, dark wood or stone, with a circular base. The background is a dark, hazy sky with a faint light source, creating a somber and atmospheric scene.

- It is incredible that the Israelites succumbed to the lure of idol worship and false gods.
- The patriarchs believed in only one God, but the situation was less clear in the minds of the Israelites.
- It was not long before the Israelites fell under the influence of the Egyptian gods they had lived with for hundreds of years.
- Even when delivered from bondage by God, there was a tendency to slip back into their former way of thinking.

Choices



- The appetite for idol worship persisted since foreign gods surrounded them, and the worship of these beings often infiltrated the land.
- Solomon erected temples to Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians and to Moloch, the detestable god of the Ammonites.
- The Babylonian goddess, Ishtar, was known as Inanna, the so-called 'Queen of Heaven' also became popular.
- This disgraced the name of Yahweh, who had laid His reputation on the line with Israel.
- Israel had to make up their minds, was Yahweh the true God or Baal, they could not have it both ways.

Diaspora



- Eventually Yahweh had to distance Himself from His own people.
- Yahweh was forced to divorce both kingdoms and work out His purposes through the church.
- To abandon Israel permanently as a nation would be to concede defeat to Satan.
- Because of Israel's persistent idolatry, Yahweh was forced to temporarily allow His people to be swallowed up by the nations in judgment.
- In the 1st century, Israel was dispersed among the nations—known as the diaspora.

God's Purpose



- Through His purposes, God is working out everything.
- Satan is a defeated foe.
- Evil must be seen for exactly what it is and acknowledged by the wrong-doer.
- Yahweh gives Satan and his henchmen every opportunity to prove themselves.
- Satan's apparent victories over Israel are no more real and lasting than his momentary appearance of victory at Golgotha.
- Christ's triumphant return to this earth will shatter Satan's nations' illusions of victory over Israel.

Israel's Condition



- Israel has not been substituted by the church.
- Under the law, Israel could not attain the level of obedience that would entitle them to the church's blessings.
- Israel's restoration is based on the atoning work of Christ.
- Israel's scattering among the nations has helped preserve her from destructive idolatry.
- Israel, though scattered among the nations, has never assimilated into those nations.
- Israel may be separated from her Lord, but Yahweh has promised her ultimate restoration and blessing.

Satan's Losing Battle



- The powers of darkness have been unable to seduce Israel into idol worship since the Babylonian exile.
- Yahweh has identified Himself as Israel's God; therefore, His victory must entail the victory of His nation over their nations.
- The demise of Israel – in any form – would bring shame and dishonor upon the name of Yahweh.
- The holocaust only served to bring about the very thing Satan tried to prevent: the reestablishment of Israel as a nation.
- The demonic world-rulers can see God slowly but surely working through Israel

Prophecy



- The Lamb of God will begin the process of reclaiming His inheritance by opening the 7-sealed book.
- The war against Israel will end with the destruction and defeat of the evil 'sons of God.'
- On the day that Yahweh returns, all the nations, including all the false gods and Satan himself, will be forced to acknowledge God's supremacy.
- It is not just in His capacity as Lord that Jesus returns but as Israel's long-rejected Messiah.
- Yahweh's triumph will be Israel's triumph, and Israel will be His jewel among the nations.

Conclusion

A large, dark wooden cross stands on a small mound of earth. The cross is composed of two thick, weathered beams. At the base of the vertical beam, there is a large, circular shield-like object, possibly a piece of armor or a decorative element, which is also dark and appears to have some markings on it. The background is a dark, hazy, and misty landscape, possibly a field or a forest at dusk or dawn, with a soft, ethereal light source behind the cross, creating a halo effect.

- Israel was never to be the sole beneficiary of God's grace, but the conduit through which His blessing flowed to mankind.
- Through Israel, all the other nations were to be blessed!
- Yahweh will rule the nations from David's throne, and His people, Israel, will be His jewel among the nations.