

The Dragon and the Woman

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

– Revelation 12:13 –

In the twelfth chapter of Revelation, John captures the prophetic history and future of the nation of Israel in a few verses. Given the past several weeks' headlines and, more disturbingly, the adoption by growing multitudes of the false narrative pushed by the devil-owned media regarding the "Palestinians", it is perhaps a prudent moment for believers to stop and remind ourselves of what the God of men and nations has revealed about His plan and will regarding His nation, Israel.

The nation Israel, the people of the Jews, are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God made a covenant with Abraham that a nation of people would come from his seed, that that nation would be given a piece of land by God Himself in which to dwell, and that they would be God's instrument through which He would reveal Himself to the world and save mankind. The nation rose just as God promised. They inherited the land as God foretold. By His hand, Israel gave us the scriptures, unveiling the mind of the Living God. Ultimately and despite their centuries of disobedience and God's chastisement, they ushered a Babe into the world in the little town of Bethlehem.

But in 70 AD, the nation's rejection of Christ at Calvary decades earlier and their subsequent rejection of the gospel message of the apostles brought another centuries-long divorcement of their status as God's nation amongst the nations. They became a people without a home, without a temple, and without hope. During their exile, the devil made certain to persecute this people. But despite his best attempts, from Stalin's pogroms to Hitler's ovens, the words of the Lord Jesus that this generation (of people, i.e., the Jews) would not pass held miraculously true.

Then, in 1948 the land of their pilgrimage which had laid waste for so long was suddenly re-gifted to them by God. Since that time, the nation has been surrounded by her enemies. The news media and our modern global oligarchs have fabricated a narrative of an "occupation" of Israel in the land of the "Palestinians". (There is not, and never has there been a "Palestinian" people. They are displaced Arabs from neighboring Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria, as well as infiltrating Iranians (Hamas), who are all used like pawns in a game by Muslim totalitarians to carry out the devil's persecution of God's covenant nation. The land – all of it – belongs to Israel, and woe be to the politico who thinks he can subdivide God's inheritance!) The events of the last several weeks are the latest resurgence of the Dragon's violent persecution of God's (estranged) nation. The Serpent is perhaps raging because he knows he has a short time?

As Christians, our job is to pray – for the peace of Jerusalem, for the salvation of the Jews, for the salvation of their enemies, for the thwarting of the devil's plans, and for the advent of the Kingdom. For it appears that perhaps soon, Jesus will show Himself as He that was wounded in the house of His friends, and there will finally be peace on earth and good will to men. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

— D. Murcek