Zionophobia: Anti-Semitism: Part of Lucifer's Global Conspiracy; Restrained in the Church Age He Is Unleashed in the Tribulation, 2 Thess 2:3-9, Prestidigitation

45. We conclude this paragraph with a summation of the real global conspiracy from two sources:

Thieme, R. B., Jr. Anti-Semitism. 4th ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2003), 73:

Whenever anyone tries to blame the disasters of this world on one collective group of people, the motive is always evil. An entire race cannot be condemned for the actions of a few individuals. Certainly the stage for modern history was set by a number of diabolical international plots. Conspiracies have emerged throughout history, each having central protagonists. The protagonists are not confined to any one race.

What does this prove? Only one thing—*people* are responsible for machinations and plots. Everyone possesses a sin nature which is the spawning ground for intrigue. But behind every evil international plot is Satan himself.

Griffin, Joe. *The Biblical View of Civil Disobedience*. (Chesterfield: Unpublished notes, 1990), 3-4:

Many who observe the rapid drift toward globalist socialism are quick to accuse certain organizations of forming a conspiracy dedicated to the merger of the United States into this international montage. I reject this suggestion based on principles of Scripture. The human mind is incapable of organizing the mechanics of a global empire much less supervising its administration. However, demon possessed people and those under the control of demon influence can be coordinated on an international scale to bring about the results seen in the Tribulation.

Please understand then that there is a conspiracy but that conspiracy is satanic and demonic, not human. Admittedly, humans are used and they are manipulated to bring about Satan's desired ends as the ruler of this world. However, man, left to his own devices, is not capable or talented enough to pull off such a prodigious undertaking. World conquest takes genius organizational skills and leadership dynamics on a higher level than human mentality permits.

Satan is described in Ezekiel 28 as *the* genius mentality of the entire angelic creation. There *is* a global conspiracy but the lightweight mentalities associated with human organizations simply are not capable of pulling it off. They are simply dupes who, at most, make up only small regiments in a world-wide system called *cosmos diabolicus*. It is Satan, an angel of cherub rank known as Lucifer, who directs this international conspiracy.

Therefore, we need to understand that there is a conspiracy but it is not of human design or power. It is satanic and thus invisible and insidious. To isolate your attention on one specific human organization is to ignore the principle of "compartmentalization." This is a procedure used by our military to insure the security of an operation. Those involved are given only enough information to execute their portion of the mission, no more, no less.

If one participant were to leak information the sum total of his knowledge would not be enough to jeopardize the success of the entire operation. When all parties fulfill their portion of the project the operation runs smoothly. But only one individual knows the overall picture. This person is the one who devises the plan, determines who will execute which portion of the plan, and then decides who does what and when he will do it. Such is the procedure used by Satan in his indefatigable march toward global domination.

46. It should be noted that in the Church Age Satan is prevented from making consistent progress toward his objective of global dominance. This is due to the constraint of the Holy Spirit who indwells believers. The pivotal event is the Rapture which removes this divine restraint and inaugurates the Tribulation when Lucifer's unfettered talent, power, and intellect is unleashed upon an unbelieving world:

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Do not let anyone deceive you in any way since the Tribulation cannot come unless the Rapture has come first, and then the <u>man</u> <u>who is lawless</u>—the one doomed to destruction—shall be revealed [the Antichrist].

v. 4 - <u>He</u> [the Antichrist] sets himself against the Lord and he exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship so that he is <u>installed in</u> the Temple of God proclaiming himself to be God [abomination of desolation].

2 Thessalonians 2:5 - Do you not remember that when I was still face-to-face with you I constantly taught you these doctrines?

v. 6 - <u>And so now</u> [in light of this review], you know the <u>One Who</u> restrains [the Holy Spirit indwelling believers] so that <u>he</u> [the Antichrist] may be revealed in his own <u>dispensation</u> [the Tribulation].

v. 7 - For the <u>mystery of lawlessness</u> is already operational [satanic modus operandi]. Only <u>He Who now restrains</u> [the Holy Spirit] will continue that ministry of restraint until <u>He</u> [the Holy Spirit] is <u>taken out of the way</u> [Rapture of the Church].

v. 8 - <u>At that time</u> [following the Rapture], the <u>lawless one</u> [the Antichrist] shall be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus shall destroy with the breath of His mouth, in fact He shall neutralize him by the appearance of <u>His coming</u> [Second Advent].)

v.9 - The appearance of the lawless one shall be according to the modus operandi of Satan with all power and by means of miracles, even wonder miracles of the lie.

47. The phrase "wonder miracles of the lie" warrants a few minutes of attention for it describes the system by which Lucifer is able to communicate the lie and included in this process is, in our context, the disposition of anti-Semitism. The word "wonders" is the instrumental plural from the noun:

σημεῖον, sēmeion - "miracles."

- 48. In this context the miracles are only perceived to be so. Only God can perform a miracle. However, the Antichrist will appear to perform miracles thus deluding those who are impressed by such things.
- 49. This pseudo miracle working will win for him acceptance from the easily-impressed masses who grant him credentials he otherwise would not possess. Most of the world's population willingly submits to his power, his system, and his authority.
- 50. Next is a word that amplifies the miracle working power of the Antichrist. The genitive neuter noun τέρας, teras is always used in the plural and is often associated with the word **sēmeion** and may be translated "wonder miracles" In verse 9 it is followed by the content of these miracles' message:

ψεύδος, pseudos - "the lie"

- 51. There are several English words which describe the kind of miracle working mentioned in this passage:
 - 1. <u>Thaumaturge</u> \thaw' ma-terj\: a worker of miracles, wonders, or magic feats; a wonder-working.
 - 2. <u>Prestidigitation</u> \pres-ta-di-ja-tā' shan \: From the French *preste* meaning "fast" and the Latin *digitus* meaning "fingers": fast-fingers. Manual skill and dexterity in the execution of tricks; one who practices slight of hand; the practice of juggling, sorcery, or magic. Deception or delusion by such practice; <u>one who deceives through juggling words</u>.

Thus deception can occur by tricking the eye or <u>tricking the mind</u>. The eye is tricked by an apparent supernatural event while the mind is tricked by the <u>transmission of deceptive information</u>.

From this we get amore widely known English word, "prestige." Its most popular definition is given in:

The Oxford English Dictionary, s.v.: "prestige:

Influence or reputation derived from previous character, achievements, or associations, especially from past success.

But this is *Oxford's* second definition. Number 1 reads:

An illusion; a conjuring trick; a deception.

Thus "prestige" means, "a reputation built on either visible or spoken deception."

- 3. <u>Legerdemain</u>: slight of hand; a display of skill or adroitness.
- 52. It is interesting to note the vocabulary used to describe and define these words: crafty, deceptive, shrewd, wily, sly, chicanery, cunning, duplicity, fraud, trickery, contrivance, stratagem, subtlety, feint, ruse, guile, scheme, subterfuge, sorcery, witchcraft, mystic, supernatural, false, illusive, misleading, shifty, hoax, swindle, fake, phony, and quack.
- 53. It is Satan's desire to trick us with his devices and we are not to be ignorant of them (2 Corinthians 2:11). Ignorance of doctrine places a person in danger of suffering brainwashing, a mental condition that had no name until after the Korean War's P.O.W.s were subjected to it.