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If anyone does not speak according to these words
It is because they have no light in them.
Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



In Defense of Israel

This was written in response to Matthew Nolan's Toldot parsha teaching that he used as a platform to demonize Israel.

I take Nolan's teaching with a grain of salt. He makes the typical mistake that so many other teachers make of interpreting the Scriptures through historical events, instead of interpreting the historical events through the eyes of Scripture. This is the very reason why people have the tetrads and their meaning all wrong as well.

The result of making history the standard that the Scriptures are measured against, is that even though Nolan states many things that are true and/or likely true, e.g. that Israel has a secular government, and that people like the Rothchild's and such had a hand in shaping Israel, among other things - is what Nolan does not see is that יהוה (YHWH) also had a hand in creating Israel, and that the secular forces were just His puppets in bringing about His will concerning Israel.

Nolan, by using the wrong standard of measurement, has made the fatal assumption that because evil men were involved in creating the nation of Israel, that somehow this means that it is not a fulfillment of prophecy, and that somehow Elohim (God) had, and has, nothing to do with it. That it is a purely evil entity.

But using that same line of thinking I would then have to disqualify Israel when coming out of Egypt, because Elohim (God) used the evil Pharaoh, to bring that about. And Cyrus, who was also evil, Elohim (God) used to bring Israel back into the land from Babylon.

So if the whole basis of whether a nation is legitimate, or whether its existence is prophetic, or whether it is the work of Elohim's (God's) hands or not, is dependent on whether it came about through the hands of only righteous, Elohim (God) fearing, Messiah believing, individuals; then the Israel that came out of Egypt and Babylon would also have to be illegitimate.

There are always wicked people that devise plans to our harm, but Elohim (God) turns their plans into our good.

Nolan also demonizes Zionism on the basis that Hertzl was a secular Jew. But this does not change the fact that the motive behind Zionism was to bring Israel back into its native land from the dispersion - which is a very biblical reason for returning to the Land; as well as a very prophetic reason for returning, regardless of whether Hertzl was intending to fulfill prophecy or not is irrelevant; for Elohim's (God's) plans are not based on man's belief or lack of belief in His Sovereignty or will, but based on Elohim's (God's) will as spoken through His word and revealed through His Holy prophets.

If He can use Pharaoh's dreams to raise up Yoseph to be second in power over the whole Earth, and use Nebuchadnezzar 's dreams to foretell events that effect us to this very day, then He most certainly could have, and did, use Theodore Hertzl, the Rothchild's, Hitler, and others to bring about the nation of Israel for the purpose of fulfillment of end time prophecies which cannot take place apart from the existence of the nation of Israel.

And this is another one of Nolan's errors; throughout his teaching I did not hear him mention one single prophecy concerning Israel's existence today. One cannot say Israel's current existence is illegitimate and unbiblically inspired, without going through all the prophecy that say that its existence is inspired and legitimate and explain why he believes those verses are speaking of another time and another era. To have a legitimate argument, one must be able to argue the matter from the evidence provided on both sides of the issue; but this Nolan did not do.

His whole basis appears to be the analyzation of Israel through the eyes of contemporary history, without consideration of what the Word of Elohim (God) has to say concerning its existence.

The Scriptures state that the nation would be born in a day, and it was.

The Scriptures state that we would return to the Land from the dispersion, from the North and then the South, and first the Europeans and Russian Jews in the North returned to Israel, and then the Ethiopian Jews in the South returned, just as prophesied.

It states that we would be in the Land without a king and without a prophet, and we are.

It states that when we returned the desert would blossom and become like the Garden of Eden, and wherever the Jewish people dominate the population, this is what has occurred.

It states that when we returned, the Land would have forest, and now, a land that was barren of trees prior to 1948, now is full of forests in places where the Jews are dominant in population.

It states that when we returned, the harvester would overcome the planters, and since coming back into the Land in 1948, the Land is now so fertile and abundant, that they harvest crops as fast as they can be planted, and they have become a major food supplier for all of Europe.

It states that when we returned to the Land that the mountains would drip with sweet wine; and today, mountains in Galilee and Carmel and such are covered with vineyards and wineries.

It also states that Israel will be divided into two nations, and here it is right before our eyes, we are seeing the creation of the "Two state" solution.

It also says that the pure language of Hebrew would be restored to the people, and it has. That the shekel would be restored, and it has. That the cities would be rebuilt (except for 3 of them) and be given their original names again, and they have. And the 3 cities that our Savior Yeshua said would not be rebuilt (Bethsaida, Chorazin, and Capernaum) though having their original names restored, have not been rebuilt.

It says that Jerusalem would become a burdensome stone, and a cup of trembling; and it has.

The list of prophecies that have been fulfilled goes on and on. Then you have the future prophecies, like the rebuilding of the Temple (Revelation 11), and the armies that will be coming against Jerusalem, and Judah fighting like King David to defend it, and so on. All these prophecies take place because Israel has been restored as a nation in the Land Promised to us.

There are likewise, plenty of believers in Israel, and even in the government. They just have a small voice, but they are there. So to demonize Israel, contrary to prophecy, just because some pagans were used to bring it into existence, and because the government is mostly secular, does not mean that Elohim's (God's) hand was not involved in its creation, or that His hand is not with it for the purpose of carrying out His will in the Land.

So concerning these points I would have to wholeheartedly disagree with Nolan's demonization of Israel, and assessment of Israel as illegitimate and un-inspired.

To complete this rebuttal, I will state that not only is Israel's existence today a direct fulfillment of prophecy that lays the foundation for other end time prophecies regarding Israel and the nations to likewise come to pass as well; but I will even go so far as to propose that between now (2014) and 2016 that Israel will regain its sovereignty over the Temple mount, which in turn will lay the foundation for the Revelation 11:1,2 Temple to be built, and the 7 year peace covenant of Daniel 9:27 to be initiated, within a few years thereafter.

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