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Abraham

God's Redemptive Plan

The history of Redemption - (like creation) -

begins with God speaking - (Gen. 12:1-3)
God called Abraham - this is the first time God appears since creation

The call of Abraham includes

3 requirements + 3 blessings 3 'I will'

- ① Leave country
- ② Leave relatives
- ③ Leave father's house

- ① I will make of you a great nation
- ② I will bless you
- ③ I will make your name great

v.3 "In you all the families of the earth will be blessed" In several ways

- ① 1. Matt 1:1 Christ is the son of Abraham thru whom all people are blessed - ^{died to} redeem us
- ② During the millennium when Christ rules from Israel (Canaan) all the people of the world will receive the blessing which Satan deprived Adam from giving to all the earth
- ③ The Jewish race has benefited the world - the Bible, the line of the messiah
- ④ During the Trib. the 144,000 Jewish believers will evangelize the world.

In Adam's time & Noah's time God was dealing with the world - but with Abraham God deals with a man to start a race of men who will be privileged to do several jobs for God.

- ① Preserve God's word
 - ② Institute sacrificial systems
 - ③ Be the human line
- The Jews are God's Chosen People for the Messiah Savior

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The history of Redemption - the creation
God begins with the world
Redemption of the world - the first
Plan

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From now on the O.T. history is the story of Israel's relationship to God and her relationship to the nations -

They were to channel God's truth & blessings to the nations of the world.

In (Gen. 12:3) God says he will "bless those who bless Israel & curse those who curse her."

~~Satan hates the Jewish people~~

The Jewish people performed the strategic roles God had for them to do - not perfectly, they often rebelled & disobeyed God - & were disciplined by God -

But they were always the Chosen People & were used by God in many ways.

Their "chosenness" did not guarantee their eternal destiny, however, the relationship God is always a personal one-on-one relationship.

They were chosen in the sense of their strategic roles which they did carry out.

God is unconditionally committed to the Jews - here in Abrahamic Covenant

He pledges Himself to them forever

As a result, no people had undergone the wrath & brutal atrocities for millenia as the Jewish people have.

The author of anti-Semitism is Satan himself. (Rev. 12:13) says he tries to destroy the Jewish people all down thru the ages of history

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3/ ① God frequently used the very instrument which satan planned to use against Israel as a judgment against that nation
(e.g.) Pharaoh & his army were drowned when he thought he was in control
^{In Persia} Haman built the gallows to hang Mordchai but he himself was hanged there

② God also used the persecution as a means of blessing - bringing the prophetic-redemption plan into close focus

③ e.g. slavery in Egypt was used to drive Israel back to their land of promise

④ The Passover - a picture of Christ's blood + the Passover lamb buying us out of slavery to sin → Redemption from sin

⑤ In fact, most of the prophecies made concerning Christ came at times of national crisis - ① persecution, ② trial & ③ suffering
(Daniel, Jeremiah, Isaiah)

Satan is ^{the} one who "weakens the nations & shakes kingdoms" (Isa. 14:12, 16)

He was very active in Germany during Nazism - they worshipped satan

God has said anyone who touches Israel touches the "apple of His eye" (Zech. 2:8)

So Germany fell - & as a result the

⑥ Jews returned to their land & have established a sovereign state there for the first time in 2500 yrs.
This signals the soon return of Christ

