

CB208 The Failures of Globalism

Lessons CB208 and CB209 provide background material for 2 of the characters in Charts A1-A5. Profiles on David's 4th son Adonijah and on his 7th wife Bathsheba will help to simplify the discussions about them in the 5 charts.

Globalism

The desire to rule the world is ancient. When Satan tempted Eve in the Garden, he sought to "exalt his throne above the stars of God and be like the most High" [Isa. 14:13]. He had no chance to succeed, but that didn't stop him from trying.

Neither has the infinite odds stopped proud men from trying. From 1432BC to 476AD, the Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans tried and failed. And about 1,000 BC, Adonijah, the 4th son of King David seized the throne but lost it to his brother Solomon to whom it actually belonged.

Ec. 1:9: *The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*

Recall "the ends of the world," [CB207]. Adonijah's theft of David's kingdom made him synonymous with globalism.

Adonijah — A Symbol of Globalism

Locate the name Adonijah in the Hebron area of your "Times Chart." Adonijah was David's 4th son. His kind of deeds and doctrine appear in 2 of Christ's 7 letters to the Churches. See the AD side of your Times-Chart, [Re. 2:6; 2:15].

In the A1-A5 stories, Adonijah's 1st theft happened in Jerusalem while David was on his deathbed, [1Ki. 1:1]. The 2nd theft happened in Thyatira in the 4th Church Age. And his 3rd theft just happened in Washington, DC.

The theft in Jerusalem lasted for only a short time; the theft in Thyatira lasted over 300 years; the theft in Washington, DC should end relatively soon. I will discuss some interesting details concerning that "expected end" later in this course.

As the title of this topic suggests, the name of David's 4th son relates to Globalism. This desire to rule arises in all worlds — in social groups, places of work, cities, countries, even in the churches. Its source is Satan, and its name is sorcery, [Ac. 8:9].

Adonijah vs. the Church

The "spirit of sorcery" sank its fangs in elders of Ephesus, [Church Age-1]; they practiced "the deeds of the Nicolaitans," [Re. 2:1-7]. That name means, "conqueror of the people." The venom of this evil spirit is the pride of the carnal mind.

The sin of Ephesus cost the Church of Smyrna, [Age-2], about 230 years of persecution, [Re. 2:10]. One would think 200 plus years would sober the mind of anyone. But Christ's

letter to Smyrna [Re. 2:8-11] shows pride working in false teachers, even in those troublesome times. Jesus said these teachers were of "the synagogue of Satan," [Re. 2:9].

Pergamos also had a "synagogue of Satan." In the 3rd Church Age [Re. 2:12-17], Emperor Constantine ended all persecution and then married the Church to the world; Pergamos means, "much marriage." Thus, the "deeds of the Nicolaitanes" in Ephesus became the "doctrine of the Nicolaitanes" in Pergamos.

The "doctrine of the Nicolaitanes" in Pergamos [Re. 2:18-29] became a political platform for church elders to run for the office of "Bishop of Bishops" in Thyatira. From the 4th Church Age onward, this man-made doctrine allowed the Pope of Rome to claim the status of "Vicar of Christ."

Through this office, the "spirit of sorcery," satisfied Lucifer's goal: "... I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation..." [Isa. 14:13].

That which goes up must come down. Martin Luther questioned Church doctrine concerning "justification by faith." Some Catholics agreed with the error he exposed and the Protestant Reformation began in Sardis, [Re. 3:1-6].

Around the turn from the 18th to the 19th century, some Protestants became hungry for more of God's presence. He rewarded their prayers with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of "other tongues." This was a repetition of the "upper room" experience on the Day of Pentecost. Thus, the Church of Philadelphia began [Re. 3:7-13].

The "deeds of the Nicolaitanes" in Church Age-1 became the "doctrine of the Nicolaitanes" in Church Age-3. The deeds had to survive the persecutions of Church Age-2 to reappear as doctrine in Church Age-3.

And the "doctrine of the Nicolaitanes" in Age-3 had to have continued during Ages 4 and 5 for "the synagogue of Satan" in Age-2 to reappear in Age-6.

And there is ample evidence that sorcery in the pulpit helped shut Christ outside of Church of Laodicea, [Re. 3:14-22]. Thus, the letters to the churches show the "spirit of sorcery" working in elders to steal the hearts of the saints from Christ.

The Church had its ups and downs; History had its ups and downs. Israel's history shows how the hearts of men have affected the political world. Thus, the path Israel took exemplifies the path of all nations.

Now, the "Image" in the coming Millennial formed all things of its Shadow. Concerning the 7th Age, you read how carnal pride pushed Christ out of His Church. And during these past 4 years, you saw how the "spirit of sorcery" worked in the political arena to push President Trump out of office.

Now read 1Ki. 1:6 in S1. Adonijah's father did not chasten

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him when he was young. David was not negligent, nor was he too busy fighting Israel's enemies. Nor was he too involved with the business of the kingdom. He did not chasten Adonijah because: "... *these things happened unto them for ensamples...*" [1Co. 10:11]. [To review this concept, read CB201, Page-34.]

Through God's foreknowledge, He knew the Dems would steal the 2020 presidential election. To ensure that we would have His written promise that He would return President Trump to his office, He gave us a "*more sure word of prophecy*" by having Adonijah steal the kingdom from Solomon.

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