

## **Section Three: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Future)**

### **Category B: Second Coming – Kingdom Intelligence Report #4**

#### **Topic: The Four-fold Purpose – Intervention**

As much as the beast of the Tribulation period will pretend to be a friend of Israel, that friendship will be just that: a pretense! The Antichrist will exist in order to do the devil's bidding during this time; which will mean exerting a deadly hostility toward God's chosen people, the nation of Israel (Revelation 12:3-4,13-17; 13:1-6). It is easy to overlook the significance of the name given to Satan during the Tribulation period: **"a great red dragon."** Surprisingly, nowhere in the Word of God do we have the devil described as a dragon until Revelation 12:3, with twelve additional mentions thereafter. It is a highly symbolic portrayal, reserved for the ultimate enemy of God's people; used previously of both Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar (Ezekiel 29:3-4; 32:2; Jeremiah 51:34). But now it is directly applied to Satan, as a red dragon, for the fierce and murderous animosity which he will display toward Israel directly, and through the agency of the beast.

As a result, Israel's existential survival will depend upon God's intervention. At first, it will mean seeking a place of refuge in the wilderness, provided by God, after the Antichrist breaks the covenant of peace at the mid-point of the Tribulation (Matthew 24:15-22). That protection of the nation will last for the duration of this period, as described in Revelation 12:6 –

**"Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days."**

However, this crucial assistance from God on behalf of His chosen people, as important as it is for the time being, will pale in comparison to what will be needed at the end of the Tribulation. Satan will gather the armies of the entire world for the battle of Armageddon, in order to finally satisfy his evil desire in wiping out the nation of Israel from the face of the earth (Revelation 16:13-16). Nevertheless, the devil's efforts at destroying God's chosen people, once and for all, will fail; in what will prove to be the bloodiest warfare in all of human history (Isaiah 34:1-8; Zechariah 12:1-5; Revelation 14:17-20). The reason for that failure? The Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Phase Two) will take place, for the express purpose of intervening on behalf of Israel, in order to rescue her from that dire strait, as revealed in Zechariah 14:1-4 –

**"Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south."**

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**It is entitled: "You Are of Your Father the Devil" – A Study of John 8:44**