

Demonism: Believers inside the Cosmic Systems Cannot Be Trusted, 1 Tim 4:1; Deut 7:1-5; Pivot Power: the Fraternity of Jeshurun, Deut 32:15-17; 33:26

Those who function in the cosmic systems eventually fall under the influence of demonism. If they ever possessed either establishment or spiritual integrity, they will lose it due to inculcation of human viewpoint, human good, and evil.

Such people cannot be trusted. In a period of prosperity they are Mr. Nice Guy, but in times of adversity and pressure they become Mr. Psycho. In some cases they manifest themselves quite the opposite. For example, assume yourself under some form of pressure. Will you become Mr. Nice Guy toward someone you believe can help you out of a jam? You push into the subconscious Mr. Psycho while you make your play as Mr. Nice Guy.

What happens once the pressure situation is resolved by your benefactor's gracious assistance? Do you forget the person who lent you aid? In renewed prosperity do you then have no special interest in that person since you don't need them anymore? Do you bask in your new set of circumstances without any thanks or appreciation for the one who came to your aid? If so, you have no integrity and you live in cosmic 2 under demon influence.

Self-centered, self-absorbed, and self-obsessed people become this way because of demonic influence. Such types have no appreciation for grace and only put on the Mr.-Nice-Guy persona when they want something from someone and then throw them away like an old shoe as they return to being Mr. Psycho.

The Bible is replete with documentary passages about demonism. We'll note a few.

1 Timothy 4:1 - The Holy Spirit explicitly communicates that in the Church Age, man will become apostate, paying attention to deceitful spirits [**demonism, either possession or influence**] and concentrating on doctrines of demons.

Deuteronomy 7:1 - When the Lord your God brings you to the land that you are going to occupy and forces out many nations before you—Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and powerful than you—

v. 2 - and He delivers them over to you and you attack them, you must utterly annihilate them. Make no covenant with them nor show them compassion!

v. 3 - You must not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons nor take their daughters for your sons,

v. 4 - for they will turn your sons away from Me to worship other gods. Then the wrath of the Lord will erupt against you and he will soon destroy you.

v. 5 - You must tear down their altars, shatter their sacred pillars, cut down their sacred Asherah [the leading deity of the Canaanite pantheon that was worshipped at shrines or at places marked by wooden poles] poles, and burn up their images. (NET)

The Israelites succeeded in many ways as God's original client nation. Within it there emerged a fraternity that Moses designated as Jeshurun indicating those believers who advanced to spiritual maturity forming the pivot for Israel.

Since a client nation depends on its pivot for survival, then when Jeshurun fails to hold the line the resultant discipline is severe.

Deuteronomy 32:15 - But Jeshurun [the spiritual fraternity of mature believers in Israel; from the noun יֵשׁוּרֻן *Jeshurun*: the upright ones, or the righteous ones, i.e., the Israelite pivot] grew fat and kicked [spiritual rebellion by rejecting the commandments]. You are grown fat [prosperous], thick [apostate], and gorged [prosperity distracting from the spiritual life]. Then he [the Israeli pivot] deserted the God who made him, and scorned the Rock of his salvation.

v. 16 - They provoked Him to jealousy with illicit gods, they provoked Him to anger with abominable idols [wherever idols are located demons have gathered].

v. 17 - They sacrificed to demons, not to Elohim; to gods whom they knew not; to new gods who had recently come to their attention whom their fathers feared not.

The preserving power of Jeshurun continues in the Church Age and consists of those few believers who have made the advance to spiritual maturity. These are the remnants of the remnant: when the pivot has shrunk so much that its invisible historical impact is ineffectual, the only advantage left to the client nation is Jeshurun. It is because of these few believers that Jesus Christ is enabled to preserve that nation in history for awhile longer.

Deuteronomy 33:26 - There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to help you and in His majesty through the skies.

This verse refers to the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. As the Armageddon campaign nears its dénouement with the annihilation of the Jews in Jerusalem, the Lord returns on behalf of those Jeshurun believers who have stood fast and endured the wrath of Satan's desperate attempts at genocide.

Never is demonic activity more intensified than during the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation. Never are the Jews in a more hopeless and helpless situation than during the final hours prior to the Second Advent. It is Jeshurun that holds the line until the Lord arrives to deliver His fellow Jews who will populate restored Israel in His millennial kingdom.