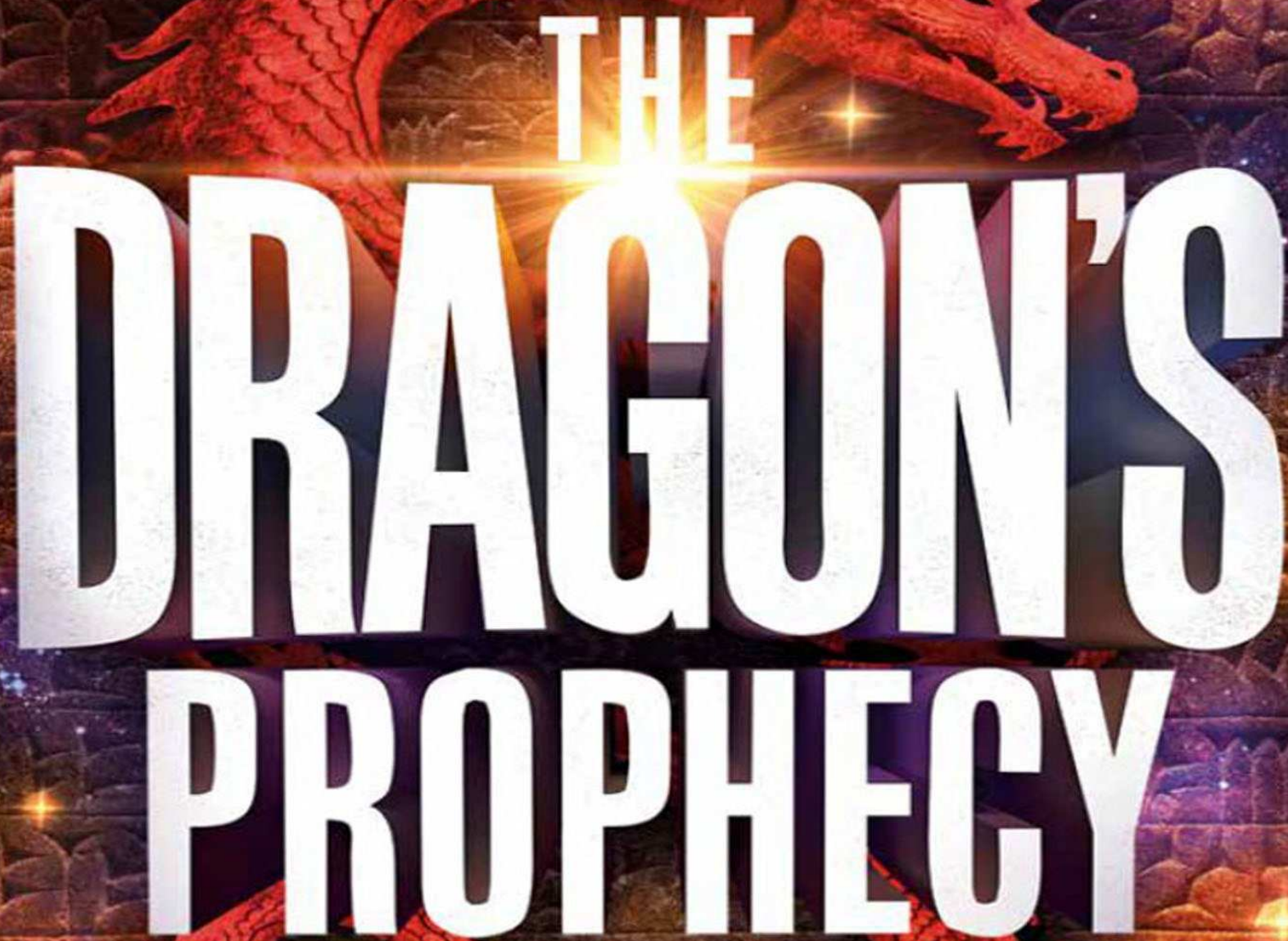


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**And another sign appeared in heaven:
behold, a great, fiery red dragon.**

—Revelation 12:3

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Part I

THE MYSTERY

Chapter 1

THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE WORLD

THERE IS MORE to the world than what we see with our eyes.



Behind the perceivable realm lies another, beyond our ability to measure or quantify.

Behind the history of this world lies another, unrecorded, unrecited, unknown.

And behind that which moves and transforms the world lie unseen forces, causes, and agents, undying and primeval.

Could such things actually lie behind specific events of the modern world?

Have we been given warnings concerning such things in the writings of past ages, warnings of one specific force and agent?

And could that force and agent lie behind the rise of wars, evils, and calamities?

Could it have orchestrated an event that recently shocked our world, and did that event contain a mystery concerning the end of the age?

Are we all players in a mystery that began long before we were born, that has spanned the ages, and has, in modern times, threatened the future of our planet?

Was it all foretold in the words of an ancient prophecy?

Are we living in the last of days?

What does the future hold, and where does it all lead?

What is the mystery of the Dragon?

And what does all this have to do with you who are now reading these words?



This book will answer those questions and in the process reveal the mysteries of...

the dark resurrection,

the return of the Sea Peoples,

the revenge of the three thousand, the black Sabbath,

the Shephelah,

the Dragon's holiday,

the 18,263rd day,

the colors of the apocalypse,

the Beast,
the ancient vision that unlocks what is taking place in our world and what is yet to come,
and more.



It all began on a Friday night in October.

Chapter 2

OCTOBER

THIS WAS NOT the book I had planned to write. That book was to be the sequel to *The Return of the Gods*. But what happened across the world would combine with a strong leading in my spirit that the book I was about to write was for a future time. Another mystery was now to be opened.

It was October. I was preparing the message to share at the Friday night service of the worship center I lead in Wayne, New Jersey, *Beth Israel*. I was led to speak on one of the mysteries from the previous book I had written, which had just been released a month earlier, *The Josiah Manifesto*.

The following morning, Hamas would launch a mass invasion from the Gaza Strip into the land of Israel. Israel would be taken by surprise. What happened that day would shock the sensibilities of many around the world. It would also be the manifestation of the mystery I had shared the night before.

The mystery foreshadowed a coming event:

It foretold that Israel would be attacked by its enemies.

The attack would involve a massive ground invasion, the first such invasion in half a century.

It would catch the nation by surprise.

Though there would be warnings of its coming, the warnings would not be taken seriously.

The invasion would happen on the Sabbath, the Hebrew day of rest.

It would take place on one of the sacred appointed times of God, given in the Torah.

It would lead to war.

It would happen on the first Saturday of October of 2023.

It would all come to pass the morning after I shared the mystery's foundation and parameters. In this book I will share how the mystery foreordained and foretold exactly what would take place and when.



That night and what followed would lead to the opening of a mystery that began in ancient times and lay behind the events of modern times.

Part II

THE DRAGON

Chapter 3

THE MYSTERY OF EVIL

IT IS AN ancient entity. In popular culture it is often depicted in almost cartoonish form. Because of this its existence is often dismissed. But its presence is very real, and its impact on our world, most critical. If we should dismiss or ignore it, we do so at our peril.

The Transcendent

What is evil? And how did it come into existence? It is both a mystery and a problem. The mystery is the problem. The problem is used in countless arguments to attempt to disprove God's existence or nature. To find the answer, we must start with the foundations.

That evil exists cannot be debated. To deny it is to deny reality. But the fact that evil exists does not disprove the existence of God. Nor does it disprove the existence of a supernatural or spiritual realm—far from it.

If there was nothing more to life or existence than the material realm or the physical universe, we could not speak of good or evil. Then war, death, murder, and destruction would not be evil or even a problem but simply the playing out of forces and the rearrangement of molecules and atoms. If there was nothing more to the universe, then we could not judge the Nazi murderer of Jewish children to be evil, or the righteous who risked their lives to save the lives of Jewish children from Nazi murderers to be good. Nor could we esteem life to be of greater value than death. As with meaning, values, and significance, good and evil require a reality beyond that of the physical. Without this all values, all moral codes, are meaningless, arbitrary, and valueless. Evil, like good, is ultimately transcendent. Its existence does not disprove that the spiritual realm exists, but proves that it does.

The Uncreated

This leads to the next question: If evil exists, then how did it come into existence? More specifically, if God is good, then how could there be evil? And if God created evil, then how could God be good? But if God did not create evil, then how could evil exist? Or how could God be God? Therein lies the problem and the mystery. But the very problem of evil contains its answer. If evil was created, it would not be a problem, nor would it be evil. Evil is a problem for the very reason that it was *not* created. It should not exist, because it was not created, and yet it does. The existence of evil defies the created order. It is not of the creation and thus exists in opposition to the created order. Evil exists in defiance of existence.

Personhood

Further, evil is not simply a force, like that of an earthquake, a hurricane, or a fire. All these bring calamity and destruction. But none would constitute true evil. Both hurricanes and serial killers bring death. But hurricanes are not evil. Serial killers are. Why? The hurricane is an impersonal force. It acts without consciousness, will, choice, volition, or intent. But the serial killer commits his acts with conscious intent, will, and volition—and so is evil. And so evil is not an impersonal force—but a personal one, requiring consciousness, volition, will, and intent. Thus in our search for an answer to evil, we are led to personhood.

The Anti-Being

What is it that makes evil *evil*? Evil is an inversion—an inversion of truth, of reality, of existence. Evil is, by nature, inverted and, by nature, inverts. It twists, bends, and turns existence in upon itself. It exists as anti-existence. Its being is anti-being, and its nature, anti-nature. It is a negation and therefore seeks to negate, a nullification that exists to nullify. It has no true, ultimate, or absolute existence and therefore acts to bring that which exists into nonexistence. And so evil, by nature, seeks destruction. It opposes that which is.

Possessing no absolute or true existence of its own, evil is, as well, by nature, parasitic. Being not of the created order, it can exist only by drawing its existence from that order. Evil must use the good. And so though good can exist without evil, evil cannot exist without good. Truth can exist without falsehood, but falsehood cannot exist without truth. Laws can exist without crimes, marriage without adultery, and life without murder. But crimes cannot exist without laws, adultery without marriage, nor murder exist without life. Destruction requires structure, immorality requires morality, and sin requires the holy.

The good is primary. Evil is the parasitic inversion of the good. And so the existence of evil inadvertently testifies not against the existence of the good—but for it. It bears witness, unwillingly, to the existence of the good—the existence of God.

Origins

All this leads us to the mystery of origin. If evil is uncreated, how did it come to exist? God did not create evil, but He did create personhood, consciousness, and volition—free will. Free will is a necessity. If one does what is good because one has no choice in doing so, then it is not good. The good must be freely chosen and thus requires free will. And therein is the risk. To allow the choosing of good, one must allow the choosing of its opposite. And the opposite of good is evil. It is the allowance and risk of the good that allow for the risk of evil.

The Inverted Angel

Let us now put together the pieces of the mystery. Evil requires personhood, will, consciousness, and volition. Therefore, we are looking in the direction of personhood, toward a conscious entity. It must be a created being that by its volition turned against the created order, against existence itself, a being that became an anti-being, an inversion.

And this is exactly what the Scriptures reveal. There are two entities with the ability to choose good or evil: one, human, and the other, angelic. Since evil is spiritual and beyond flesh and blood, its origin must be found beyond flesh and blood, beyond the human, in the realm of the

spiritual and the angelic.

And it is in that realm that we find it, the entity that fulfills all the prerequisites—consciousness, volition, free will, and inversion and yet not of flesh and blood—an angelic being that turned against the fabric of the created order and against existence itself. And in so turning, it, or he, became the inversion and the one who inverts. He became the twisted reality and the twister of reality. In his inversion he became the anti-being, the parasitic inversion of the good, the nemesis of reality. He became the one who should not exist and yet does.

He became the Devil.



What exactly is the Devil?

Chapter 4

THE ENEMY

HE HAS BEEN called the *Prince of Darkness*, *Beelzebul*, the *Father of Lies*, *Lucifer*, *Lord of the Flies*, and the *Devil*.

In popular culture he is depicted as a being of human-like form, with an angular face, two horns, a pitchfork, and a cape or wings, and in all red. Thus he is often dismissed as a figment of man's imagination. But behind the folklore, behind the portrayals and fantasies of popular imaginings, lies a very real, ancient, deadly, dark, and present danger.

The Sahtan

The English word *Satan* comes from the Hebrew *sahtan*, which can be translated as *opponent*, *adversary*, and *enemy*. The word goes to the heart of his essence. Satan is the one who turned away from God and thus away from existence. He became the negation, the nullification, and the one who negates and nullifies. He defies existence. He opposes that which is. He is not *an* enemy—but *the* Enemy, the one at enmity with all.

When the ancient scribes had to translate the Hebrew *sahtan* into Greek, they chose the word *Diabolos*. *Diabolos* means one who “throws across” or “casts through.” It refers to one who casts forth accusations, slander, a divider, an accuser, an attacker—and thus the Adversary. The Enemy is the one who casts accusations against all that is, against existence. And so *Diabolos* became the Greek version of the Hebrew *sahtan*—the Enemy.

In Latin the word became *Diabolus*; in Italian, *Diavolo*; and in English—*Devil*. So the word *Devil* is the English version of a Greek translation of the Hebrew *sahtan*.

The Opposer

Both words and names match up with the mystery and essence of evil. As evil, by nature, stands in opposition to existence, so the name of the entity that personifies it means *the Opponent*, *the Opposer*, and which in Hebrew is *sahtan* or *Satan*. And as evil, by nature, stands in *enmity* with all that is, so the name of the being that embodies it is the *Enemy*, the *Adversary*, both of which are translations of *sahtan* and *diabolos*, *Satan* and *the Devil*.

Father of Lies

As evil is an inversion, and a lie, the inversion of truth, so of the Enemy it is written:

He is a liar and the father of lies.¹

And so the father of lies is the father of inversions, and as a lie exists in parasitic relationship to the truth, so the Enemy exists in relationship to God, the inversion of the good.

The Destroyer

As the Opposer of existence, the Enemy wages war against it. God is existence. His sacred name is *I Am*. He is the One who *is* and by whom all things come into being. So the Enemy's war centers on God. So it is written:

I will be like the Most High.²

It is a vow of defiance and replacement. He wills to take the place of God and bring about His nullification. If he could destroy the Most High, he could end existence. But he cannot. Therefore, he focuses his war against the *things of God*. He attacks the will of God. He thwarts the plans and purposes of God. He wars against God's creation. He seeks to destroy God's works. He is thus the Destroyer. And so of him it is written:

He was a murderer from the beginning.³

Man is the center of God's creation and bears God's image. Therefore, the Enemy especially seeks man's destruction. If he can destroy man, he can eradicate the image of God.

How would he seek to bring about that destruction? By separating man from God. If he can turn man away from God, if he can remove the creation from its Creator, then he can remove him from the purpose of his existence. And that which is removed from the purpose of its being can be nullified and brought to destruction.

Diabolical

So the work of the Enemy is to destroy the work of God. He is the creator of destruction and the destroyer of creation. His works are anti-works and so defy natural causation and rational explanation. For they have their origins in the one who should not exist but does. And so even the most secular and atheist are forced to describe such phenomena as Nazism and the Holocaust as *diabolical*, from the word *diabolos*; *demonic*, from the word *demon*; or *satanic*, from the name *Satan*, each word rooted in the realm that is beyond the natural and bearing witness to that which is beyond rational explanation.

Such evils are the manifestations of a war birthed not in the natural or the rational but in defiance of both and waged by the one who exists to end existence—the Enemy.



What we will see in the pages ahead is that the entity that many in the modern world would dismiss as a comical being in a red cape is not only absolutely and dangerously real but the active agent behind some of the most critical phenomena and movements of human history and specific events of the modern world, even, and more specifically, of our day.



To reveal it, we must introduce another set of players into the mystery, the most peculiar and contradictory of peoples.

Chapter 5

THE MYSTERY PEOPLE

THERE IS SOMETHING about the Jews. There is now and has always been. They have never quite fit into the world. Even from the beginning, when they journeyed in the wilderness to the Promised Land, it was said of them:

A people dwelling alone, not reckoning itself among the nations.¹

The Anomaly

The Jewish people have always been a mystery to the world. No people have ever known so much rejection, antipathy, and hatred. Joined to one land as no other people have ever been so joined to a land—and yet separated from their land and landless as no other people have been so separated from a land or landless. Dwelling apart and separate from the nations as no people have ever been so separate—and yet so intertwined with the nations and critical to world history as no other people have been so intertwined and critical. No people have ever been so connected to their times and their space, and yet no people have so transcended the parameters of time and space to become near timeless and universal.

They have been the weakest of nations and yet the strongest—the most vulnerable of peoples and most often in danger of extermination—and yet the most enduring of peoples. No people, while on earth, have ever so known the presence of God and glories of heaven—and yet no other people have ever so known the depths of hell. They are an enigma, an anomaly, a paradox, a mystery people.

A Kingdom of Priests

Why? What makes Israel unique among the nations, and the Jews, separate among the peoples? The answer is God. Though the Jews are known as “the Chosen people,” the label can be misleading. It was not as if they existed among other peoples and were then chosen by God. Rather, the Scriptures record that God called them into existence. They were not chosen for any special attribute they possessed. If God called another people, that people would end up being the Jews. So why did they come into existence? The reason was given at the dawn of their history at Mount Sinai:

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.²

Israel was called into being to be a holy people, a kingdom of priests. A priest is a minister of

God's purposes. So Israel was to be a vessel of God, a central conduit and instrument for the fulfillment of His plans and purposes for the world. It came into the world for the sake of every other people and nation, that, in them, all nations would be blessed.³

Witnesses of the Existence

According to the Scriptures, Israel stands at the center of God's purposes—not only in past and ancient times but in all times. They occupy the center point of history and prophecy. And beyond all this is something even more foundational. In the Book of Isaiah, God says to the people of Israel,

You are My witnesses.⁴

And thus beyond any work or accomplishment of the Jewish people is something still more critical and transcendent—*their existence*. The very existence of the Jewish people is a witness testifying to the existence of God. It is because of God that they came into the world and, by Him, that they continue to exist in a world long hostile to their presence within it.



So we now have the mystery of two opposing realities, a people in whom is the mystery of God and a being in whom is the mystery of evil. What happens when they come together? What will happen is an explosion and a war that have determined and altered the course of world history and long mystified those who have sought to understand it.