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Medjugorje Apparitions, My Feelings Towards Roman Catholics, Doctrinal Purity And Ecumenism, Sincerity A Poor Criterion, Test The Spirits, How To Recognize True And False Prophets, Worldly Prediction Or Divine Prophecy?, Revealer Of Secrets And Daniel, Unpopular Prophets, Two Sackcloth Witnesses, Christian Persecution, God's Word Divides, Roman Catholic Pope Theories, Endtime False Prophets And Strong Deception Rise Of The False Prophet, True Lamb And False Lamb, Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, The Beast And False Prophet Team

In my controversial article, 'Mary Worship, Christianity And Catholicism', I express some serious reservations regarding the practice of praying to Mary, as well as to other Roman Catholic saints and icons. In addition, I offer my thoughts regarding the so-called Marian 'apparitions' in Medjugorje, Bosnia Herzegovina, and then leave it up to the reader to draw their own conclusions. If you have already read that article, then you may recall that I stop short of totally condemning the Medjugorje 'apparitions', or referring to them as a demonic manifestation. As I clarify there, the reason for this hesitancy on my part, is that, at the time I wrote that article, I was not absolutely certain of the true nature of the Medjugorje 'apparitions'.

Technically-speaking, perhaps 'apparition' is not the best word to use to describe these events. Most people think of ghosts when they hear the word 'apparition'. According to my understanding, outside of the so-called 'visionaries', very few people have actually seen the Marian appearances. The only real 'evidence' that we possess, for lack of a better word, is what the 'visionaries' tell us they see and hear. From the standpoint of an observer, these 'visionaries' appear to enter a trance-like state when 'Mary' appears to them. Their lips are also seen to move while they converse with this 'apparition'. Assuming then that they really are seeing and hearing something, the question is: What is its true source and nature? Is it of Divine Origin, or is it the deceptive work of Satan? Answering this question, as well as addressing other important issues which are directly related to Endtime deception will be the focus of this in-depth series.

Before continuing, I think it is important to mention here that, contrary to some of the false accusations which have been levelled against me by staunch Roman Catholics, I do not have a personal vendetta, or 'an axe to grind' against Catholic people as a whole. In fact, in my lifetime, I have met many sweet, humble people who are Roman Catholics; and that includes my now-deceased grandmother. These people do believe in God, and acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Thus, my basic attitude towards Roman Catholics, is the same as it towards any other church or organization which

claims to be a part of modern Christianity. I have no doubt that there are many sincere, God-fearing, Christ-believing people scattered throughout the various branches of our faith; however, it is when we begin to examine more deeply some of the doctrines which are held by some of these branches, that we encounter problems and strong deception.

As I point out in the aforementioned article, as well as in other articles, such as 'To Pray Or Not To Pray?', and 'Have You Read The New Scriptures Yet?', my primary objection with Roman Catholicism, is with the various false doctrines and traditions which are being taught and practiced by the Roman Catholic spiritual hierarchy; whether they be Sunday school teachers, priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, or the Pope himself. Lest you erroneously think that I have singled out the Roman Catholics, may I suggest that you also read my two-part article entitled 'Modern False Prophets And Worldly Ecumenism'. As will become clear to you, I am diametrically opposed to the modern false spirit of ecumenism, which seeks to unite Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Baptists, Protestants, Eastern Orthodox Christians, and even Buddhists, into some kind of a One World Religion, through compromising our Christian heritage, as it was passed down to us by Christ and His followers. So again, it is the false doctrines and practices, which are rampant amongst some of these faiths, which is of utmost concern to me; as it should be to all Christians everywhere. In short, worldwide spiritual unity is being sought for at the price of sacrificing doctrinal purity; and thus, the Church has compromised herself.

Returning to the 'visionaries' of Medjugorje, I do not doubt the sincerity of those children who have in the past, or who now, as adults, are still receiving 'visions' and messages, any more than I can doubt the sincerity of the children of Fatima, Portugal, who are said to have also received similar messages decades ago. If we consider how long these events have been occurring, it becomes apparent that these people have experienced something which others have not; either that, or they are being manipulated by someone or something beyond their comprehension; or else they are under some very strong delusion due to some personal sin in their lives.

Considering that all of these 'visionaries' had their first experiences as young children, makes it even more difficult for some people to accept this negative scenario; but we should not dismiss this possibility altogether. As mature Christians, we must be concerned with, and question, the true source, and content, of these messages and 'visions'. Furthermore, we must realize that sincerity simply is not a very valid, or even a very safe, criterion for determining the true nature of such occurrences. As will become clear by the time you have finished reading this series, there are many people in the world today who are very sincere about their beliefs, but they are also sincerely deceived.

Having said the above, anyone who just blindly accepts these things as coming from the Hand of God, without question, is doing so in direct contradiction to the Scriptures; and may even be setting themselves up for similar delusion in their own lives. In his Epistles, the Apostle John warns us to 'try', or to test, the spirits, to see whether or not they

are truly of God. He also warns us to not have anything to do with those people who are yielded to a spirit which teaches something other than the sound Gospel of Jesus Christ:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." (2 John 1:9-11)

It is very important to realize why John admonishes us to test the spirits; and that is because even during the First Century, there were already many Jewish false prophets and false brethren who had silently crept into the Early Church fellowships. This becomes quite apparent if one studies the life and writings of the Apostle Paul. Consider the following verses:

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." Acts 20:29, KJV

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Romans 16:17)

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him...For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." (2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15)

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:6-9, KJV

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:" (Galatians 2:4)

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." (1 Timothy 6:3-5)

"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." (Titus 3:9-11)

In light of the dangerous situation with false brethren which existed in the Early Church almost two thousand years ago, it shouldn't be difficult to imagine how much worse the problem must be in our present era. Satan has certainly had sufficient time to do his dirty work! So the question then for us is: How can we recognize these false messengers? What rod of measurement are we to use? In trying to differentiate between who is a true Prophet of God, and who is a false one sent by Satan, one of the Lord's original Prophets, Moses, provided us with some easy guidelines to follow:

"And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." (Deuteronomy 18:21-22)

That is simple enough to understand. If a modern-day prophet prophesies something, and it doesn't happen exactly as he says, or when he says it will happen, you better watch out! God doesn't make mistakes. He knows what He is doing; and He knows how to communicate quite well with His true Prophets. If the so-called 'prophet' starts to deny what he has said, or if says that he has simply been misunderstood, or if offers some other poor excuse, then a great deal of caution is advised. If he continuously makes predictions which fail to materialize, then he should definitely be viewed as a false prophet, and shunned. On the other hand, the Prophet Ezekiel tells us exactly how we can recognize a true Prophet of the Lord:

"And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them." (Ezekiel 33:33)

He couldn't have been any more straight forward than that. If what the Prophet predicts happens exactly as he has said it would happen, and exactly when he said it would happen, then you can be relatively certain that he is a true Prophet of God; however, I still advise you to seriously consider his overall degree of accuracy. If he is only right in one out of every twenty of his predictions, this is not a true prophet of God. A true Prophet of God will be right on the

mark every time. To express this thought in a somewhat humorous way, I don't believe that there is any static on God's 'hotline'.

Allow me to also add that if a considerable amount of time passes between when the prophecy is first given, and its actual fulfillment, this may add even more credibility to the words of the Prophet, as it will show that he wasn't privy to some foreknowledge or secret information which simply wasn't known to the general public at the time of his prediction. In speaking of prophecies, it is important that you understand that I am not referring to such things as financial predictions, scientific predictions, horoscope readings, palm readings and other forms of modern guesswork, which tend to rely upon a lot of logic, comparative studies, computer analysis, etc., in order to create a very general prediction which can be easily applied to many different situations, or interpreted in a number of different ways, so that the 'prophet', palmreader or psychic always appears to be correct in their predictions. This amounts to subtle trickery, and self-delusion on the part of the victim, and nothing else. They actually deceive themselves into seeing in the seer's words, what they want to believe.

In speaking of real prophecies, I am referring to events which could not possibly have been known or discovered any other way than by a Direct Revelation from God. A very good example of this can be found in Daniel chapter two, where Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar has a prophetic night vision, or dream. For a close examination of how Daniel dealt with this unique situation, and how he used it to glorify God, may I encourage you to read the article 'Revealer Of Secrets And Sergei Stepashin'. While Daniel and his friends were well-received in the courts of the Babylonian king, after almost facing death at the hands of the same, it should be noted that they were actually the exception to the rule regarding the Lord's Prophets. Under normal circumstances, His Prophets do not enjoy such a high degree of popularity. In fact, in the New Testament, Jesus signified one mark of a true Prophet of God with the following statement:

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Luke 6:26)

In the above verse, the Lord is making clear that a true Prophet of God is rarely, if ever, well-received by those people to whom he is sent to preach. This is because his words are usually messages of warning and portents of coming doom and destruction unless immediate repentance is made. In fact, in speaking of His own ministry in Nazareth, Jesus said:

"...A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." (Mark 6:4b)

As I explain in the article 'Revelation's Babylon The Great Whore', we have but to look at the fate of the Old Testament Prophets, Jesus' own murder and Crucifixion, and the forced martyrdom of many of the New Testament Disciples, such as Stephen, James, Paul and Peter, in order to see how true this really is. Being a true Prophet or messenger of God is

not a popular job. If a person finds himself becoming overly popular, then he should question whether or not he might be doing something wrong. In contrast to the real Prophets of old, who were often persecuted and killed because of their unpopular messages, today we have many people who claim to be messengers and representatives of the Lord, who are quite popular, and who are looked upon with great admiration and respect. Just like the Scribes and Pharisees of old, they clothe themselves in long white or black garments, or business suits, and become lifted up in their pride and in their vanity, due to the praises of men which are lavished upon them. Consider these verses:

"Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation." (Luke 20:46-47)

"Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."
(John 12:42-43)

So to reiterate this point, like the example of Jesus Christ Himself, the true Prophet of God, who bears a true message from the Lord, will be despised and rejected by this sinful last generation due to the unpopular nature of his prophetic pronouncements from the Lord. As further Scriptural proof that this principle still applies to our modern day, please consider the ultimate fate of the Two Sackcloth Witnesses of the Endtime, found in the Book of Revelation:

"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."
Revelation 11:7-12, KJV

For more information regarding the Endtime ministry of the Two Sackcloth Witnesses, please refer to my series 'The Two Sackcloth Witnesses Of Revelation 11'. Please keep in mind that it is not only the Lord's Prophets who will be despised by the sinful world of the Endtime. We are taught in the Word that God's true children will all be despised, hated, betrayed and killed by this last generation of evildoers, due to their Christian stand of faith; and this wave of

discrimination and persecution has already begun; even in the so-called 'Christian' United States of America, where true Christians are slowly being ostracized from the rest of American society, due to their stand against such things as abortion, gay and lesbian relationships, EVILution, etc. Please consider the following verses:

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

Isaiah 53:3, KJV

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Matthew 10:22, KJV

"I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?...Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

Luke 12:49, 51-53, KJV

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matthew 12:30, KJV

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also." John 15:19,20, KJV

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12, KJV

So, as I clearly point out in the series 'In Defense Of The KJV', as well as in other articles, the truth of God's Word divides people. Sooner or later, it will cause every single individual to take a stand, either for or against Jesus Christ, and the precepts found in the Word of God. For a more in-depth look at the topic of Christian persecution in the Last Days, may I suggest that you read my article 'Civil Disobedience And Christian Persecution'.

Contrary to this clear Biblical message of unpopularity and persecution, within the Roman Catholic faith, the so-called representative of God, the 'vicar of Christ', that is, the Pope, sits upon his own throne in Vatican City, where he is treated like a god! Referred to as 'holy father', this man is carried all around the world, so that millions of Roman Catholic devotees can flock to see him, to kiss his hand, or to receive his blessing! Not even Jesus Christ or his First Disciples were well-received by the rulers of their day, or treated with such high dignity; so why have things changed so drastically today? Has the truth of God changed? Has the

message of the Gospel changed? Has the call to repentance changed? Or could it be that what is today being promoted as 'the one true faith' according to Roman Catholic adherents, is nothing more than an evil perversion of the truth, a counterfeit religion, and a corrupted belief system based upon worldly compromise?

Because of the Pope's high status within the ecclesiastical world, many non-Catholic Christians, depending upon their particular school of thought and doctrinal upbringing, have become convinced that a soon-coming Pope will either be the Biblical Beast, or possibly the False Prophet, or else the Antichrist. Personally, I do not currently concur with this teaching; however, the New Testament does have quite a few things to say regarding false prophets and lying spirits. Here are some of them for your consideration:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."
(Matthew 7:15)

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many...For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:11, 24)

"For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." (Mark 13:22)

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."
(2 Peter 2:1)

All of the above verses speak of the mass deception which will characterize these Last Days; brought on by these false prophets, tricky teachers, pseudo-psychics, faith healers, New Age gurus, Eastern spiritual masters, channelers, etc. We are warned to expect to see and to hear of all kinds of lying wonders; and haven't we already begun to see such things in the form of unexplainable aerial phenomenon, such as flying saucers, or UFO's, and all of the things which have become associated with them, such as messages of the coming 'ascension' from the 'Space Brothers', and purported 'alien' abductions? Haven't we also heard or read of many 'miraculous' healings, seemingly 'celestial' visitations and images of Christ or Mary appearing in different parts of the world, crying or bleeding statues, stigmatics, people being 'slain in the spirit' or supposedly having their teeth filled with gold by the Lord, and 'visionaries' which bare secrets initially only meant for a few? How much of this is truly of God, and how much of it comes from Satan the subtle deceiver, who appears to the Biblically ignorant as a false angel of light?

The spirit of antichrist and false prophecy is indeed in the world, and has been for a very long time; as becomes evident both in the Old Testament, as well as in the Lord's

own warnings, and in the Epistles of John, Paul and others. While thanks to many books, videos, movies, articles, etc., many people have become familiar with the coming tyrant who is referred to in the Bible as the Beast and also mistakenly as the Antichrist, some people are not aware of the fact that the spirit of false prophecy and delusion will likewise have its ultimate fulfillment in a religious leader whom the Bible refers to as the False Prophet. I personally equate this False Prophet with the second beast with two horns like a lamb which arises out of the Earth, as it is mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation:

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (Revelation 13:11-18)

The above Scriptures clearly describe the ministry of this False Prophet, who will proclaim the messianic role of the dreadful Beast. In other words, we might say that the False Prophet will act as the public relations man for the Beast. In a negative sense, this will be a direct parallel to the ministry of John the Baptist, who likewise prepared the way of our Lord. We must remember that there is nothing original about Satan. He is a usurper. All he can do is copy what God does, and twist it and pervert it, in order to accomplish his own evil purposes. It is because of this subtle tactic, that some Christians refer to the Devil as the Author of Confusion; because he takes the truth of God's Word, and corrupts it, in order to fit his own wicked agenda; thus confusing his victims regarding Scriptural Truth; just as he did with Adam and Eve so long ago.

What is important to note here is that outwardly, this False Prophet will appear as a lamb, just as Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God throughout the Scriptures. I discuss this point in more detail in such articles as the revelatory 'The Lamb Of God Was A Goat!'. One well-known example can be found in the Gospel of John, where we read the following:

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world...And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith,

Behold the Lamb of God!" John 1:29, 36, KJV

Thus, just as Jesus is the true Lamb of God, the False Prophet will actually be a goat, an antichrist reprobate, who feigns to be a lamb, and a messenger of God. Notice however, that we are also told that the False Prophet will speak as a dragon. Why is this? I believe that it is because he will be speaking with the very voice of, and by the very authority of, Satan himself. He will also be doing many apparently 'miraculous' works by the power of the same. The machinations of this evil demon are more fully exposed in such articles as 'Satan: Origin, Purpose And Future', 'Leviathan: The Ancient Dragon', and 'Satan: King of Tyrus, King of Empires'.

As I noted above, to those people who follow after him and accept his lies, this demon-inspired False Prophet will seem to be a good person; a devout, religious person who speaks with the authority of God Himself. If time is as short as some of us believe, it is quite possible that he is even now a prominent figure within a certain world religion. Earlier, I mentioned that I do not currently hold to the belief that the Roman Catholic Pope is this False Prophet. Based upon my personal understanding of the Endtime prophecies, he does not seem to properly fit into the picture of Endtime events; which in my view, center around the state of Israel, and her Muslim enemies who seek her total destruction. As I state in the series 'The Seven Heads', at this current time, there is only one man within the Islamic world, who seems to meet the requirements of the False Prophet; and that is the ruthless, and very anti-American, very anti-Israel, Iranian spiritual leader, the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

As I explain in the aforementioned series, as well as in other articles, this clerical figure is the true leader of Iran, and wields much more power over the masses, in both a spiritual and a political sense, than the current, moderate puppet leader, President Mohammad Khatami. In fact, he may soon be ousted from office by the powerful Ayatollah, the other Iranian clerics, and the military forces who are quick to do their bidding. Realistically-speaking, most Iranians are Muslims first, and politicians and military men second. If Khatami is ousted from power, this might open the way for a new president who is much more anti-West, anti-Israel, and who is more willing to take his orders from the Ayatollah. In other words, a leader may arise in Iran who might in fact meet the requirements for being the prophetic Beast. If this is the case, and I am not yet certain that it is, together, this President/Ayatollah team would perfectly meet the basic requirements of the Beast/False Prophet team of the Endtime, as is described in the Book of Revelation. Let us all watch how events continue to develop in that country. For now though, allow me to share with you a few additional verses which describe the final fate of this Satan-inspired pair:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet." (Revelation 16:13)

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived

them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Revelation 19:20)

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Revelation 20:10)

In part two of this series, we will continue this lesson on the lying wonders of the Endtime, by discussing such issues as the Beginning of Sorrows, Moshiach ben David the Jewish Antichrist, distinguishing between the political Beast and the religious Antichrist, Gog and Magog and the Russian theory, the European Union as a Revived Roman Empire, Syria and the strategic Golan Heights, an Islamic Beast, False Prophet and Ten Horns, the invasion of Jerusalem, land for the Palestinians, the Holy Covenant, Five-Fold ministries and false shepherds, exploits by God's Endtime children, and the Israeli military defeat. I trust that you will join me.

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Lying Wonders, Beginning of Sorrows, Moshiach ben David The Antichrist, Distinguishing The Beast And Antichrist, Gog And Magog And Russia Theory, European Union As A Revived Roman Empire, Syria And Strategic Golan Heights, An Islamic Beast, False Prophet And Ten Horns, Jerusalem Invaded, Land For The Palestinians, Focus On The Antichrist, Beast Is Not The Antichrist, Endtime Deceit And Deception, Holy Covenant Five-Fold Ministries And False Shepherds, Exploits By God's Endtime Children, Jerusalem Taken, Israeli Military Defeat

It is interesting to note how the word 'wonders' is used throughout the Bible. During the course of performing some Biblical research on this word, I discovered that in the Old Testament, where it is found quite frequently, this word 'wonders' is used almost entirely to describe the mighty works of the Lord. While it is likewise used in the New Testament in this same manner, it also becomes apparent that there are quite a few verses, such as those mentioned in part one, which speak of great signs and wonders which will be performed by the forces opposing God; their whole purpose of which will be to deceive and confuse God's chosen people; His Elect. As you will recall, Jesus and Paul said:

"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many...For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:5, 24, KJV

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,"
2 Thessalonians 2:9, KJV

It is clear to many Christians that we are now living in the times prophesied by Jesus, Paul, and many of the other Holy Men of the Bible. At this current time, it is still rather difficult to pinpoint exactly how far we have penetrated into the Last Days. My guess would be that we are currently still in the time period which Jesus referred to as 'the beginning of sorrows' in His sermon in Matthew twenty-four:

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matthew 24:6-8, KJV

In other words, the darkest days for the world, and for we Christians, still lie ahead. For more information on this topic of the Beginning of Sorrows, allow me to refer you to my revelatory article 'Fulfilled Prophecy: The Beginning Of

Sorrows'. At any rate, just as the spirit of false prophecy will have its ultimate fulfillment in the spiritual leader known as the False Prophet, who will help bring the Biblical Beast to power, the Spirit of Christ will likewise have its antithesis in a spiritual leader known to Christians as the Antichrist. As I point out in part two of the article 'The Kings Of The North And The South', it is my current belief that the Antichrist may be the false Jewish messiah, known as Moshiach ben David, who will sit in the soon-to-be-built Temple in East Jerusalem, both claiming and convincing many people, particularly the unbelieving Jews, and perhaps even some deceived Christians, that he is in fact 'God'. Consider these additional verses from Paul's second Epistle to the Thessalonians which clearly describe this man of sin:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8, KJV

At this point, allow me to make a clarification, just in case you are confused by some of my earlier comments. While the vast majority of Christians seem to equate the Beast and the Antichrist as being one and the same person, I am not currently convinced that this is so; although I was of this same persuasion in times past due to faulty doctrine which I had been taught by others. As I explain in such articles as 'The Kings Of The North And The South', 'Who Is Hindering The Antichrist?', 'The Seven Heads', and 'Who Is Who? Defining Important Endtime Terms', in my view, a serious, collective study of the Book of Revelation, and the writings of the Prophet Daniel, seem to reveal that the first Beast of Revelation chapter thirteen, and the King of the North mentioned by the Prophet Daniel, may in fact be one and the same person. Both prophecies clearly describe the Beast as being a subtle, smooth-talking, blasphemous politician and military leader, who will invade Israel; and Daniel makes it clear that this invasion will originate from somewhere to the north of Israel.

One widely-held belief amongst Christians, is that the Beast may originate from Russia. This doctrine is based primarily upon the premise that the words Gog, Magog, Meschech and Tubal, which are mentioned by the Prophet Ezekiel in the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters of his book, are the ancient names for the ruler of Russia, and two cities within that land; Meschech being Moscow, and Tubal being Tubolsk. However, in all of my Biblical studies, I have never found any concrete Scriptural evidence which proves that this is so; thus, while I do not totally reject this possibility, I do leave such ideas in the realm of speculation. While some Christians are convinced that the Beast will arise from the

Russia Federation, others suggest that the European Union will produce this Endtime dictator; who will then lead ten European nations in his war against Babylon the Great Whore. Such a scenario is often compared to a resurrection of the ancient Roman Empire. If this weren't confusing enough, yet another school of thought suggests that Russia will lead ten European nations against Babylon the Great Whore.

As I briefly explained in part one, my personal studies have led me to believe that the Endtime Beast may originate from the nation of Iran; and if not from Iran, then possibly from Iraq, Turkey, or Syria. One of the reasons for which I am of this opinion, is that according to the sources I have read, the land of Magog may not have been situated as far north as some people believe; but instead, may correspond to what is now a part of eastern Turkey or Armenia. Perhaps it may have even extended down into parts of Syria, although I cannot prove this with any certainty. In ancient times, this land area fell under the domination of five empires; Assyria; Babylonia; Medo-Persia; Greece; and Rome; all of which play important roles in the prophecies of Daniel, and point us to the place of origin of the King of the North, or the Beast of Revelation. In more recent times, I believe this area fell under the domination of the Ottoman Turk Empire as well.

It is important to note here that in speaking of these various empires, and their invasions and domination of the land of Israel, one thing they have in common, is that whether they were the Medes and Persians, which correspond to the modern-day Iranians, and possibly even to the Kurds, or the Assyrians and the Babylonians, which correspond to the Iraqis, and even to the Syrians, their common route and point of invasion into Israel, was from the north; coming down through what is now called Syria; and quite possibly through the Golan Heights; which is the strategic plateau which is this very moment a strong point of contention between Israel and Syria. A clear example of this is King Nebuchadnezzar's final invasion of Jerusalem. As I point out in some of the aforementioned articles, not only was King Nebuchadnezzar referred to as a great power coming down from the north, even though Babylon was technically situated east of Israel, but we are told that this king set up his war headquarters in Riblah, Syria, then known as the land of Hamath, where he passed judgment on King Zedekiah's sons, had them slain, and then had the king's eyes plucked out before carrying him off to Babylon in chains:

"And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain. But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon." Jeremiah 39:4-7, KJV

So it is quite obvious in my mind, that the land area which stretches from Syria to Turkey to Iraq to Iran appears to be the focal point of the Endtime prophecies, when discussing the Beast and the invasion from the north. Not only that, but one point which they all have in common, is that unlike Russia, all of these countries are Islamic strongholds; which would make it even easier for a charismatic Islamic Beast to unite them in his war against Israel. In fact, even as I write this, the Russian government has been having some serious problems with Islamic rebels in the republics of Chechnya and Dagestan. What is rather ironic regarding this current conflict with these rebels, is that, as I mention in some of the aforementioned articles, while I am not of the opinion that the Beast will arise out of Russia, I do believe that there is a very high possibility that Russia will indeed assist the real Beast, and the Ten Horns, or ten Islamic nations, which follow him, in the invasion and final destruction of Israel. This same principle applies to China as well; because both Russia and China have very strategic interests in the Middle East; and lately, due to NATO's expansion into former East Bloc countries, and the U.S.-led bombing of Yugoslavia, Russia and China have been warming up to each other in a diplomatic sense.

As it is noted in Daniel's writings, this satanic Beast will establish himself as supreme ruler through his successful military campaigns and deceitful political negotiations. He will eventually set up his powerbase in Israel; possibly right in Jerusalem; all with the assistance of the equally charismatic False Prophet:

"And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." (Daniel 11:45)

It should be obvious to you then, that the Beast is a cruel foreign invader to Israel. He cannot be a Jew, because he is a hater of the Jews and of Israel. His agenda is to invade Israel, and to destroy the Jewish people, so that the land can be returned to the Palestinians; and thus finally bring peace to the Middle East through domination by the Arabs; which is precisely the objective of the more radical Muslim nations, primary of which are Iran, Iraq and Syria; and perhaps Lebanon should be included here as well. While I have already explained these things in the aforementioned articles, allow me to once again draw your attention to a verse which clearly reveals one of the tactics of the Beast from the north:

"Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain." Daniel 11:39, KJV

Notice that the Beast will 'divide the land for gain'. Isn't this precisely the issue which will soon lead to fullscale war in the Middle East; that is, who will control Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem? When the Beast invades and conquers Israel, it seems that we may be being told by the Prophet Daniel, that he will return the land taken in 1948

and since then, to the Palestinians. Based upon the original Hebrew words used here, it appears that the Beast may parcel out the land and sell it to the highest bidders.

Now, let us look at the Antichrist for a moment. The set of verses I shared with you earlier from Paul's second Epistle to the Church at Thessalonica, clearly describe a powerfully deceptive religious leader, who will be permitted to sit in the rebuilt Temple in East Jerusalem, and proclaim himself 'God'. So powerful will be his lying wonders, that we are told by the Apostle Paul, that the Jews will fall under his strong delusion, because they have rejected the love of the truth; that is, they have rejected the truth found in their very own Scriptures, which clearly states that Jesus Christ is the one true Messiah:

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:"
2 Thessalonians 2:10,11, KJV

Clearly then, the lie which the Jews will believe, is that the Antichrist is in fact the true messiah, when he most certainly is not. Now, allow me to ask you; while a Russian Beast, or an Islamic Beast could certainly be described as being antichrist in nature, being as the Communists deny God's existence, and the Muslims totally deny that God has a Son, what could possibly be more antichrist in nature, or better said, who could possibly better fit the role of the Antichrist, than one who claims to be the messiah himself; that is, the false Jewish messiah, Moshiach ben David? Such a person would epitomize the word 'antichrist' in its purest form, would he not? After all, to proclaim oneself as the 'christ', or 'the anointed one', he must first deny the true Christ.

While it can be argued that the Beast will invade Jerusalem, take over the Temple, and then possibly even sit in it and declare himself 'God', in my mind, this does not seem very likely. Remember; the Beast is a politician and a military man, and not a spiritual leader. That is why he needs the False Prophet; in order to use the Islamic religion as a tool to get the masses to support him, and to enrage them against Israel; exactly as the Ayatollah Khamenei is doing with young Muslim radicals right now. Furthermore, do you honestly believe that even if the Beast were to take over the Temple, sit in it, and declare himself 'God', that the Jews would accept him? Do you honestly believe that they would accept their most hated enemy and conqueror as their messiah? As deceived as they may be now concerning the true Messiahship of Jesus Christ, I simply cannot see them accepting a Muslim Arab conqueror as their messiah. In my view, this is a very unlikely scenario, and it doesn't seem to fit the prophetic picture.

For all of the reasons I have now explained to you, in my mind it is clear that the foreign invader known as the Beast is one person, while the person who will sit in the rebuilt Jewish Temple and declare himself 'God', is another. He is the 'son of perdition', the son of Satan, the son of the

destroyer, the Antichrist, who will convince the rebellious Jews that he is the real 'christ'; 'the anointed one'; the messiah; when he is in fact, Satan in the flesh. So while many Christian teachers and laymen often refer to the Beast and the Antichrist as being one and the same person, I for one, simply cannot agree with this conclusion. Either these people believe this due to theological tradition, or because they have been erroneously taught this by others, or because they have not personally taken the time to seriously study the Scriptures on their own, to see exactly what they have to say regarding this issue.

The main point I wish to stress at this time, is that from all of the verses we have looked at thus far, we can plainly see that all of the prophetic writers of the Bible agree upon one key point; and that is that the Time of the End will be clearly marked by lies, spiritual deception, strong delusion, and political intrigue. Allow me to once again bring to your attention the prophetic words of the Apostle Paul:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

Even the political Beast is described in this manner, as we see by the following verses from the Book of Daniel, which clearly expose his true attitude towards the coming Holy Covenant, which will bring a temporary plastic peace to the land of Israel:

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land. At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."
Daniel 11:27-32, KJV

The 'he' in the above verses is referring to the Beast whom we discussed earlier. As I explain in other articles, the covenant mentioned here is believed by myself, and by many other eschatologists, to be a peace treaty or accord which will primarily involve the Jews and the Arabs. Other less direct participants may possibly include the United States of America, Russia, and according to some sources, perhaps even the Vatican; which has not hid its desire to declare Jerusalem an international city, as was first suggested in 1947 according to U.N. Resolution 181. At this current time, it is widely speculated that the difficult land-for-peace

negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians, may be the prophesied covenant. In earlier verses, we saw that this treaty is referred to as a 'holy covenant'; which is a strong indication that it will be in some way related to the reconstruction of Solomon's Temple on the Temple Mount, or Mount Moriah, in East Jerusalem where the al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock now stand. As you may already know, the last Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Roman General Titus; exactly as had been prophesied by Jesus in Matthew chapter twenty-four:

"And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

(Matthew 24:1-2)

The Jewish Temple has not been rebuilt since then, and this holy site has been a major point of contention between the Palestinians and the Israelis who both claim it as a central part of their religious worship. This tension revolving around the Temple Mount was heightened following the 1967 'Six-Day War', when Moshe Dyan gave the Muslims jurisdiction over the site. Since that time, organizations such as the Temple Mount Faithful have made attempts to begin rebuilding the Temple, only to be met by resistance from both their own government, as well as from the Palestinians. At times, this has resulted in bloody confrontations. As of the time of this writing, the Israelis and the Palestinians are testing each other's patience, as Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, and Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, work towards the full implementation of the Wye River Memorandum, as had been agreed upon by Barak's hawkish predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Even if Arafat does manage to gain control of another 13.5 per cent of the West Bank through the full implementation of the Wye Accord, this is still only one small victory for the Palestinians, as the main hurdle still lies ahead; and that is the final status talks which will decide the fate of East Jerusalem. The Palestinians have made clear that they want it for the capital of their Palestinian State, while the Jews have made equally clear that they consider all of the holy city as their eternal capital, and will never surrender any of it to them. It is this most difficult point, which may ultimately lead to the wars of the Beast, as we saw earlier.

While many Christians are rather certain that the current peace negotiations will ultimately lead to the prophesied seven-year Holy Covenant, and some erroneously believe that it has already been signed, personally, I am not yet fully convinced that all of the right parties are involved at this time. As we saw earlier, the Holy Covenant must involve the King of the North, also known as the Beast, who will then work deceitfully from behind the scenes, in order to defeat the accord. Remember; as is quite common in modern politics, the Kings of the North and the South are going to sit at one table, signing peace documents, smiling at each other and shaking hands, while all the while, there is treachery and

mischief in both of their hearts. Here again is the verse I shared earlier:

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed."
Daniel 11:27, KJV

Unless we accept Yasser Arafat as being the King of North, and the Israeli Prime Minister as the King of the South, which I don't, then it makes it a bit difficult to accept that the current peace talks are the actual seven-year Holy Covenant. It is for this reason that I still suspect that Syrian president Hafez al-Assad, or possibly his son, may be the real King of the North. While Egypt and Jordan have made peace with Israel, Syria has not; although with the recent election of Ehud Barak as the new Israeli Prime Minister, President al-Assad has dropped hints that perhaps he is finally willing to enter serious peace talks with the Jews. Of course, one of the key issues will be the return of the Golan Heights to Syria. As I have told my regular readers, with the devastating earthquake which shook Turkey on August 17, 1999, which destroyed thousands of buildings, killed thousands of people, left thousands more homeless, and which also resulted in the death of many of Turkey's top naval officers, it will be interesting to see if Syria will take advantage of the chaos, turmoil and civil unrest in Turkey, which happens to be Assad's rival, and Israel's military ally, in order to make a grab for the Golan Heights.

As a final point, it is believed by some people that Yasser Arafat and the radical Palestinians take their orders from al-Assad. If the Syrian president doesn't want peace, then there will be no peace. On the other hand, if the current talks were to evolve to where they involved both al-Assad, the Golan Heights, the Palestinians, and the fate of East Jerusalem, then I would be more inclined to believe that these are the negotiations which will lead to the seven-year Holy Covenant; but even then, there is still the need for the King of the South to become involved as well; and from my studies, I have concluded that he pertains to Egypt. One thing is for certain; when an accord is signed which makes possible the reconstruction of the Jewish Temple, and the commencement of the Jewish daily sacrifices, and if the clauses in some way include a seven-year period, then we can be relatively certain that we are looking at the right Holy Covenant. Until that time, let's all be patient, and not be too quick to jump to erroneous conclusions, as is the manner of some to do.

In contrast to the dark scenario described in the previous paragraphs, we must ask ourselves: If the Beast, the False Prophet, the Antichrist, and the Devil's crowd in general will be performing all of these things, what exactly will the people of God be doing; that is, those who are aware of and familiar with these ancient prophecies? Based upon the following Scriptures found in the Book of the Prophet Joel, a number of Christians, such as those who participate in the so-called 'five-fold ministries' in the United States of America, believe that we too will be performing miracles and mighty wonders in order to counter Satan's strong delusion:

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call." (Joel 2:28-32)

As I point out in the series 'Have You Been Slain In The Spirit?' and related articles, I have a real problem with how these revivalist Christians have interpreted these verses. While they are convinced that Joel's words are a promise of a second Day of Pentecost in the Latter Days, during which time God's Holy Spirit will once again be poured out, thus resulting in many great signs and wonders being performed by the Lord's children, everything I have read and studied in His Word, seems to indicate the exact opposite.

Even now, within the United States of America, there is widespread talk within the 'five-fold ministries' of how God is currently raising up His apostles and prophets, who have already begun to perform these supposed mighty works of the Lord. The spirit of false prophecy is particularly running rampant from what I have observed. Some of the testimonies I have read definitely seem to indicate that some of these men are becoming little lords and dictators over their flocks through the display of these false signs. Rather than go into great detail here, since it is already amply explained in the aforementioned series, let me simply state that my understanding is that the Time of the End will be the time of the Children of Darkness, and a time of delusion, and not the time of the Children of Light. Our time is almost over.

If you take the time to read 'Have You Been Slain In The Spirit?', you will plainly see that God's Spirit is being withdrawn; the Light is being withdrawn; as the world turns more against the Lord and His children with each passing year. Everything we have seen thus far in this current series as well, points to this time of darkness, and strong delusion and deception; which will also be marked by stiff persecution against the Lord's children. It is indeed tragic that this demon-inspired deception has infiltrated the Body of Christ; and is currently being manifested through so many false doctrines and false signs, which are eagerly being accepted by those who know not the Scriptures. While I am not personally convinced that God's Endtime children will be doing great signs and wonders as is currently believed by the 'five-fold ministry' crowd, let us not forget that, as I mentioned in part one, the exception to the rule will be the Two Sackcloth Witnesses, who will bear testimony against the unbelievers in the streets of Jerusalem during the three and a half years of the Great Tribulation.

In addition to this fact, I also believe that we will, and already are, doing mighty works in a different way. The Prophet Daniel offered some insight into the activities of God's children during the Latter Days when he wrote the following verses which I shared a moment ago:

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days." Daniel 11:32,33, KJV

In the previous verses, Daniel informs us that 'the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many'. The questions which arise from these verses are: Who are the people to whom the Prophet is referring, and exactly what are these exploits which he mentions? These verses are open to a number of different interpretations. While those who embrace the American revival idea might be quick to point out that these verses can only be referring to Christians of the Endtime who will be performing many signs and wonders, I must truly question whether or not this is what is meant by the Prophet.

One point which I frequently emphasize, is that we all need to remember that many of the prophecies of the Endtime are Israel-specific. That being the case, one school of thought suggests that Daniel's words might be referring to the IDF, or Israeli Defense Force, which will be valiantly fighting against the invading Muslim hordes of the Islamic Beast. The problem which I have with this interpretation, is that those people who adhere to this interpretation, also believe that God is then going to miraculously defend the Jews, and give them great victory over the overwhelming Arab forces. This victory may possibly be inspired, and led by, their false messiah, Moshiach ben David, whom I have speculated to be the Antichrist. To support this view, they point to the prophecies of Gog and Magog in the Book of Ezekiel, in which the forces from the north are destroyed by God.

While I do concur that the Lord will eventually intervene in the affairs of men in the Middle East war, I do not believe that it will happen until the final Battle of Armageddon, after the Jews have been soundly humbled and defeated, and the city of Jerusalem quite possibly destroyed by nuclear fire, as a token of God's loving, but severe, chastisement against the majority of the unbelieving Jews. This thought is amply explained in the article 'Revelation's Babylon The Great Whore'. Please notice that in the previous verses, Daniel also says 'yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days'. These events concerning the invasion of Jerusalem are also thoroughly discussed in such series as 'The Great Tribulation And The Rapture'. The point is, because they are trusting in their own military might, instead of in the Lord, God is going to allow the Jews to be smitten by their enemies. Consider the following verses:

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will

remember the name of the LORD our God." Psalms 20:7, KJV

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."
Zechariah 4:6, KJV

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." Zechariah 14:2,3, KJV

Please notice that it isn't until after half of Jerusalem is taken, and the Jews thus punished for their sin of unbelief, that the Lord finally chooses to intervene, when He descends upon the Mount of Olives, and leads His Heavenly Forces in the Battle of Armageddon. In part three of this series, we will continue our discussion by taking a look at such topics as defining the word 'exploits', the battle of faith, New Jerusalem, God's war against Jerusalem, the destruction of the wicked, the pre-eminence of spiritual deliverance, the 144,000 and the Book Of Life, greater love and praying for foreign missionaries, publishing the glad tidings, the final persecution of the Believers, defining the phrase 'all the world', the Mark of the Beast, Y2K and the coming global crash, the relationship between faith and belief, and the Spirit without measure. I trust that you will join me.

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Defining Exploits, Spiritual Battle Of Faith, New Jerusalem, God Fights Against Earthly Jerusalem, Destruction Of Wicked, Exploits Of Faith, Spiritual Deliverance First, 144,000 And Book Of Life, No Greater Love, Pray For Foreign Missionaries Armchair Christians, Publish Glad Tidings, Final Persecution Defining 'All The World', Mark Of The Beast, Y2K And Global Crash, Faith + Belief = Results, The Spirit Without Measure

Upon performing some Scriptural research, I discovered that the word 'exploits' is only used two times in the entire KJV Bible; and in both cases, it is found in the prophecies of Daniel. The Hebrew lexicon does not provide any information whatsoever for this word; and my Heritage Desktop Dictionary defines this word as 'an act or deed, especially a heroic feat'. While this could indeed be applied to heroic military action, in light of the fact that we are clearly told that we must rely upon the Lord for His spiritual strength, and not upon our own strength or wisdom in the flesh, is it possible that Daniel might be referring to heroic deeds which require great faith, and not necessarily military equipment? In other words, like the Apostle Paul, who told us to put on the whole armour of God, that we might fight the good fight of faith, is it possible that these are the exploits to which Daniel might be referring? Paul dedicated a major part of his Epistle to the Hebrews to this very topic of the heroes of faith. Consider the following verses:

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"
2 Corinthians 10:3-5, KJV

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."
1 Timothy 6:12, KJV

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." 2 Timothy 2:3,4, KJV

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" 2 Timothy 4:7, KJV

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against

principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:10-12, KJV

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12, KJV

Furthermore; is it possible that God the Father is much more concerned about the welfare of His spiritual Bride, that is, the New Jerusalem, His Body of worldwide believers, who have been freed through the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son, and who are now fighting a relentless battle against the forces of darkness in the hearts and minds of men, so that they can be free as well; than He is in the fate of the Earthly city, Jerusalem; which is not only filled with the blood of His Prophets, but with His own Son's Blood as well? Again, Paul describes for us the spiritual Jerusalem in the following verses:

"Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 4:21-5:1, KJV

Just as He fought against Jerusalem of old when Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city three times, and then destroyed it, as we saw in part two, the Lord is going to do it again sometime in the near future, due to the multitude of her sins against Him in our current day as well. Consider the following warnings which the Lord issued to Jerusalem of old, through the mouth of His servant Jeremiah, just prior to her invasion and destruction by the forces of the Babylonian king:

"Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. Thy way and thy

doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart." Jeremiah 4:16-18, KJV

"Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces. For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds. Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets. To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD. For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." Jeremiah 6:4-14, KJV

As the Prophet Zechariah tells us in the following verses, the Lord is going to bring the Muslim nations of the Middle East against Jerusalem in order to chastise and destroy her in these Latter Days. Of course, once the Lord has used the Arab nations round about to chastise the rebellious Jews, He will then punish those nations as well by the brightness of His Coming at Armageddon. We are told that their bodies shall literally melt away while they stand upon their feet; which sounds very similar to what occurs during a powerful atomic blast:

"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it...And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon." Zechariah 12:3, 9-11, KJV

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

Zechariah 14:12, KJV

We will take another look at the destruction of the wicked in part five of this series; but for now, let us return for a moment to the exploits and great works of faith which will be performed by God's children in the Last Days. As stated earlier, while Daniel's words could indeed be interpreted as referring to military victories by the IDF, as we have already seen, God is more interested in spiritual Salvation and Deliverance. He is more interested in the Salvation of our souls at this current time, than He is in the physical salvation of our bodies. That will come in its own time when we partake in the Resurrection of the Dead. In the following Endtime verses, not only does the Prophet Daniel seem to be referring to Spiritual Deliverance for the believing Jews at the Time of the End, following the three and a half years of Great Tribulation, instead of physical deliverance by way of military victories, but Jesus and the Apostle Paul emphasize this point as well:

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:1-3, KJV

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:16-19, KJV

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28, KJV

"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Romans 8:21-23, KJV

Notice that Daniel specifically says 'every one that shall be found written in the book'. In my view, he can only be referring to the Book of Life; and the only way that one can be included in that Book, is if he has done the work of God; which according to Jesus' own words, is accepting Him as the only Lord and Saviour. Thus in contradiction to those people who erroneously teach that the entire nation of Israel will be saved, as I point out in 'The Woman In The Wilderness And The 144,000', it is my belief that the Prophet Daniel may be referring to 144,000 flesh Jews who will be saved during the Endtime, due to God's extreme chastisements against the land of Israel. Consider the following verses:

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6, KJV

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:12-15, KJV

"Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:29, KJV

Thus, in my view, the greatest exploits that Christians can be doing at this current time, and in the dark days ahead, is to continue waging the War of the Spirit, by preaching the truth, and winning souls to Christ; in spite of mounting opposition, persecution, and even death, at the hands of the antichrist forces of the world; whether this be converted Christian Jews in Israel witnessing to their own unbelieving Jewish brethren, or whether it be the Lord's worldwide Body preaching the Gospel in many foreign lands. How many of us have read or heard of the heroic stories and testimonies of those brave pioneers of the Spirit who have dared to smuggle Bibles into Communist and Islamic lands; and by so doing, have placed their very lives in danger; or at the very least, have faced torture, incarceration, or deportation? As the Word clearly teaches us:

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13, KJV

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16, KJV

It is for this reason that I always encourage my readers to pray for the foreign missionaries. As a fifteen-year veteran of the mission field myself, I know what it is like to have to face a hostile communist crowd; or to be despised by staunch Buddhists; or even to be deported by an unfriendly

foreign government due to ones's Christian beliefs and active evangelism. I have experienced all of these things for the cause of Christ; and by God's Grace, I would do so again, if He were to clearly call me into such a ministry. For now though, it appears that my primary ministry, is one of writing and instructing others via our online ministry. Like many of you, in a sense, I am currently an 'armchair Christian', and I do not hide the fact from myself; but at the same time, I know that God is in control of my life; and that He knows where He wants me, and what He wants me to be doing at any given time. As such, like the Apostle Paul, I can also say:

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."
Philippians 4:11, KJV

Truly then, the greatest exploit, and the greatest challenge for we Endtime Christians, is to publish the glad tidings as far and as wide as possible, in the time that remains; so that we may not be found ashamed at His Coming. In fact, as I point out in other articles, it may very well be that the Lord is purposely delaying His Second Coming, until we have completed the task which He has given us to do. Please consider the following verses:

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11, KJV

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14, KJV

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15, KJV

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8, KJV

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2, KJV

In light of all of this Scriptural evidence, it seems rather obvious to me, why right after stating 'but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits', Daniel then adds 'And they that understand among the people shall instruct many'; as if to possibly explain that this is what he means by exploits; that is, teaching and instructing the Lord's precious sheep; even if it means facing the sword of persecution. Surely, this task is about finished; and when it is done, the Lord will finally call all of us Home; but before that occurs, as we saw in part one, we will all be scattered and overcome by the antichrist forces of the Endtime. In the eyes of the world, it will appear as if the Children of Darkness have triumphed over the Children of Light. Whether we speak of Christian Jews in Israel, or the Christian Body worldwide, heavy persecution seems to be in the forecast. Here are a few more verses on the topic:

"And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed." (Daniel 11:33-35)

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matthew 24:15-22)

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." (Revelation 13:7)

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (Revelation 13:15)

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Revelation 12:17)

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matthew 24:9-13)

All of the above verses paint a very startling picture of what we can expect from both camps during these Last Days. It should be noted that when the Great Tribulation begins, as Jesus seems to indicate, its point of origin will most likely be Jerusalem itself where the Beast will have set up his seat of authority. It is for this reason that the Lord directs His words in Matthew chapter twenty-four and other Endtime chapters, to the Jews who will be living there at the time the persecution begins. From there, beginning with the defiling of the Third Temple of Solomon, the persecution will spread out, and engulf other countries which oppose the Beast. Whether or not it will eventually become worldwide in scope, depends upon one's understanding of what is meant by

phrases such as 'all nations' and 'all the world', as they are used in the various Endtime prophecies. Whether the writers were simply referring to the world as it was known in their day, or to literally all the world of the Endtime is hard to say. For example, in the following three verses, three different Greek words are used to denote the word 'all':

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14)

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed." (Luke 2:1)

These three words respectively are 'holos', 'hapas' and 'pas'; and they have a variety of meanings such as 'all', 'throughout' and 'everyone'. While we can preach the Gospel throughout the whole world, that is, in every country, it doesn't seem humanly possible for us to reach every single person; as there are new people constantly being born into the world; and Jesus must return at some point in time. In the case of the taxation under Caesar Augustus, the writer Luke cannot literally mean the entire world, because Caesar did not control the entire world. The only ones who could be taxed would be those who were under the jurisdiction of the Roman Empire, which was not the entire physical world. For these reasons, my understanding of what John means by the Beast causing 'all the world' to wonder after him, as well as 'causing all' to receive his mark, as we see in the following verses, has changed somewhat:

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast...And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." Revelation 13:3, 16-18, KJV

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." Revelation 17:8, KJV

The above verses may still literally mean the entire Earth's population, or they may be referring only to those people who fall under the Beast's control in the Middle Eastern arena, or however far his powerbase may extend. Time will surely clarify this issue. One thing is for certain; the technology for implementing this enslaving, demonic credit system, is currently being developed in the United States of America, as well as in Great Britain, and has already been

accepted by many other countries around the world. All that may be lacking is a worldwide economic emergency, possibly resulting from the coming Y2K glitch, in order to create a situation where the world's population will be prompted to accept such an evil system, in order to relieve them of the suffering and discomfort which will result from the global crash. For more information on this topic, please refer to such articles as 'Mondex And The Mark Of The Beast' and 'The Seven Heads'.

Returning to our topic of Endtime signs and wonders, I am reminded of something which Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews of His day. This verse can be found in three of the Gospels; that is, Matthew, Mark and Luke; and it reads as follows:

"A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed."
(Matthew 16:4)

In the above verse, Jesus is showing a spiritual parallel between the three days that the Prophet Jonah spent in the belly of the great fish, and the three days that He would spend in the bowels of the Earth following His Crucifixion. Aside from that, He is saying that His generation of the unbelieving Jews would receive no other signs due to their unbelief. This is confirmed for us by another verse from the Gospel of Mark which I also shared in part one:

"But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching." (Mark 6:4-6)

From these two verses, it appears that faith and belief were necessary requirements in order for the Lord to manifest His miracles. We could say that faith is the driving force which enables one to manifest what they believe. In other words, in certain cases, the people had to manifest their belief in Jesus as the Messiah by an action of faith; such as bringing the sick to Him on a bed, or stretching forth their hand, or whatever action the Lord required of them. The Apostle James expressed this idea very well when he wrote:

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." (James 2:17-18)

Thus, we can say that it was the people creating a spiritual vacuum through faith, which served as the mechanism by which Jesus was able to perform His miracles. The Creative Power, the Power to heal, was always there; Jesus always had access to it. In fact, we are told by the Lord Himself, that He was given the Spirit without measure by His Father. His physical body served as a sort of storage container for the Power of the Almighty. The Apostle Paul appears to have taught this very same thing. Consider these verses:

"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him."

(John 3:34)

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."
Colossians 2:9, KJV

But, unless the people drew upon Jesus in faith believing, He was apparently limited in what He could do for them. We find a perfect natural example of this in a young infant with its mother. Under normal circumstances, the mother has an unlimited supply of breastmilk; however, unless the baby sucks her nipple, creating a vacuum in its mouth, the child will never receive the nourishment the mother can provide. Another example can be found in the field of meteorology. There is an old saying which states that nature abhors, or detests, a vacuum. We are all taught in school that after a lightning discharge, the cold air must rush back together in order to replace the hot air which was displaced by the heat of the lightning bolt. It is this sudden expansion and contraction of air which is believed to cause thunder.

In part four of this series, we will continue to examine the process whereby the Lord performed miracles. In addition, we will discuss such topics as the promise of greater works and miracles performed by the Apostles, worldwide prayers and meditations, the danger of occult practices and Biblical warnings concerning necromancy, massacres in the American school system, the ultimate objective of occult practices, the agenda of the forces of darkness, the Zionist plot and Satan's offer, and the spiritual polarization of the world. I trust that you will join me.

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Spiritual Vacuums, Mechanism Of Healing, Jesus The Light Of The World, Jesus A Reflector Of God's Power, Will And Light, Promise Of Greater Works, Signs And Wonders By The Apostles, Purpose Of Miracles, Worldwide Prayers And Meditations, The Danger Of Occult Practices, Warnings Against Necromancy, USA Teen Killers, Ultimate Objective - Power And Control, Agenda Of Darkness, Zionist Plot, Satan's Offer, World Is Polarized

As I concluded in part three, in order for Jesus to perform miracles in any given town, it was necessary for the people to create a sort of spiritual vacuum through their actions of faith. Upon doing this, the creative, curative Spiritual Energy which was stored in Jesus' body was released, thus resulting in the miracles that He performed. That there was indeed some intangible element leaving Jesus' body during the performance of these miracles, is confirmed for us by the following verses:

"And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?" (Mark 5:30)

"And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all." (Luke 6:19)

"And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me." (Luke 8:46)

Thus, we see a clear correlation between the manifestation of miracles, signs and wonders, and the people's willingness to believe, and to manifest their belief through actions of faith. As it also becomes evident through the Scriptures I shared in part three, where there was little faith, there were also fewer miracles. Through the above verses, I have also demonstrated that a flow of Spiritual Energy emanated from Jesus' body each time that He did these miracles. At the time that I wrote the original version of this series several years ago, a very inspiring picture formed in my mind. With this brief picture I was also reminded of some verses, which I will share with you shortly.

In this short flash of revelation, which lasted but a second or so, I pictured a figure, which I understood to represent the Lord, standing upon the Earth with His arms outstretched as He is commonly depicted in many movies and paintings. As I watched, a beam of white light came down from above, which I understood to represent the Power and Spirit of God. When this beam reached the Lord, I suddenly understood that He was simply acting as a prism in order to reflect the Light of God the Father. He wasn't the actual Source of the Light, but only a Reflector of the same. The reason I know this, is because after passing through His body, the Light was split

into many different colors, just as there are many different manifestations of the Power and Spirit of God, yet all are derived from the very same Source. Please refer to chapter twelve of Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians for a more thorough explanation of the Gifts of the Spirit, as well as to my article 'Are The Gifts Of The Spirit For Today?'

While this was a very quick simple revelation, nevertheless, it was very fitting for what the Lord was trying to show me. Right after seeing this in my mind, I looked up the verses which I knew would confirm what I had just seen. To begin with, we all know from different verses found throughout the Bible, that Jesus represents the Light of the world. Here are some examples for your consideration:

"Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:"
Psalms 104:2, KJV

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Isaiah 9:2, KJV

"And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;" Isaiah 10:17, KJV

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1:4-9, KJV

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12, KJV

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
John 9:5, KJV

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth...I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."
John 12:35, 46, KJV

"The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."
Isaiah 60:19-20, KJV

Furthermore, it is important to note that Jesus never once claimed that He was the actual Source of the Light. The Lord always glorified His Father, and stated that He was simply a

reflection of His Father's Power, Will and Light. This point is made perfectly clear for us through the following verses:

"But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." (John 5:17)

"Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will." (John 5:19-21)

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." (John 5:30)

"But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me." (John 5:36)

"And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." (John 12:50)

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. " (John 14:8-10)

Clearly then, these verses demonstrate that Jesus recognized that He reflected those things which He had both seen, and learned, from His Father. He openly admitted that it was His Father who had given Him the Power to say and to do them. It was the Power of His Father working through Him, just as we saw in the example of the prism. This is why the Lord never wanted to take the credit for anything. In short, Jesus was only a Vessel of His Father, and it was actually His Father who was performing the mighty signs and wonders through Him, just as we see the Apostles saying in this verse:

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:" (Acts 2:22)

Prior to His Crucifixion and subsequent Resurrection, Jesus provided some indications that His Disciples would follow in His footsteps, and perform even greater miracles than He Himself. In fact, there are certain verses which show that He specifically delegated this Authority and Power to them:

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on

earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
(Matthew 18:18-20)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."
(John 14:12)

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17-18)

Just as Jesus had promised, the Scriptures make clear that once He ascended to His Father, His Disciples did indeed receive the same Power and Heavenly Anointing which He had possessed during His Earthly life. Mere fishermen and tax collectors were transformed into conductors, prisms, or reflectors for the awesome, creative, curative Power which descended from above. Consider the case of Peter in Acts chapter five:

"And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." (Acts 5:14-16)

The Apostle Paul, even though he was not included amongst the Original Twelve, likewise manifested the Divine Power and Anointing of the Most High. Consider the example found in Acts chapter twenty, where Paul apparently raises a man from the dead:

"And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted." (Acts 20:9-12)

On another occasion, after his arrest, while Paul was en route to Rome in order to stand trial, he was bitten by a poisonous snake while they were shipwrecked on the island of Melita, now known as Malta. While the natives of the island waited for Paul to fall over and die due to the deadly bite, they were truly shocked when the following occurred:

"And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid

them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god." (Acts 28:3-6)

These are not the only examples found in the New Testament. Following are additional verses found in the Book of Acts which clearly demonstrate the miracles, signs and wonders which God performed through the hands of the First Century Disciples:

"And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles." (Acts 2:43)

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch." (Acts 5:12)

"And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people." (Acts 6:8)

"Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands." (Acts 14:3)

"Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them." (Acts 15:12)

"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." Acts 19:11,12, KJV

Thus, it is obvious, that whatever the mechanism, whatever the principle the Lord used to allow these men to do these things, it was still in existence after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. From the verses we have looked at thus far, we can conclude that just as a lack of faith will drive away or block the Spirit and Power of God from performing, as in the case of the unbelieving Jews, an expression of faith by one or more people will in like manner draw God's Spirit through the chosen channel or vessel; thus resulting in marvelous things happening; which will not only glorify God, but which will also bring new sheep into His Pastures. Let us not forget that this is the primary reason for such events; to bring forth good fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven, through the manifestation of God's awesome Power.

Now, allow me to pose a question to you. What if we were to take these same principles of faith, and apply them to our modern world; not just to one person, but rather to a whole group of people or even to the entire world? In recent years we have seen just such events occurring. There have been a number of nationwide, and even worldwide, prayer chains, or

meditations, organized on a specific date, and at a specific time, in order to achieve some specific result. We have seen such endeavors organized by various religious organizations of various faiths, by New Age groups, by environmentalist groups, etc. The idea behind such events is that the psychic energy generated by these meditations, will result in good things happening to the people involved, or even to the Earth as a whole.

While on the surface, some of these events may appear to be good, that is exactly where the potential danger lies. When these events are conducted by God-fearing, Christ-believing people, we can hope that the spiritual vacuum created by them will result in fruit which is good and positive. We must remember that when these psychic or spiritual vacuums are created, it is just like the baby or the lightning bolt we discussed earlier. Something must come in to fill it. Whenever one begins to dabble in the things of the Spirit, whether it be through personal prayer, or through some form of meditation, he is subject to being influenced by forces which dwell on both ends of the spiritual spectrum; and unless he is protected by the Spirit of God, this can be very dangerous!

While I don't particularly like to dwell on the powers of darkness, it is a known fact that those who delve into the occult practices, such as the satanists, are well aware of this principle. It is for this very reason that, according to the sources I have studied, they utilize pentagrams and special key words or formulae, while performing their evil incantations. Supposedly, the pentagram and words are used to protect themselves from the spirits they are conjuring up through their various techniques. In truth, the thought of doing such things makes me shudder, as they are clearly in violation of God's Holy Laws. Consider some of the verses found in the Bible, which deal with necromancy, or talking to the dead, and other related practices:

"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 19:31)

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people." (Leviticus 20:6)

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer." (Deuteronomy 18:10-11)

"And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger."
(2 Chronicles 33:6)

"And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed

times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger." (2 Kings 21:6)

"Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD."

(2 Kings 23:24)

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?" (Isaiah 8:19)

"And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmings, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards." (Isaiah 19:3)

"But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments...Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee." (Isaiah 47:9, 12-13)

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

(Galatians 5:19-21)

"Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (Revelation 9:21)

"And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." (Revelation 18:23)

The fact that so many people today are interested in such darkness, and in such evilness, is startling proof of how perverse the world has become. Concerning these people, who in their own foolish ignorance, take such things so lightly, and become involved with ouija boards, dungeons and dragons games, astral travel, out-of-body experiences, also known as OOBE's, eastern meditation, kabalism, and other dangerous occultic practices, what kind of spiritual protection do

they have, if any, against these evil forces of darkness? If they are not even saved Christians, which obviously, many of them are not, then the outcome can indeed be very dire. It could even result in outright demonic possession, which, sad to say, in our modern day, has been cleverly disguised under a plethora of modern scientific terms.

Other New Age practices which are also on the rise include the use of tarot cards and crystal balls, performing blood sacrifices, which some people claim was the real reason for the Charles Manson cult-related murders several decades ago, doing rituals and encantations in places of natural beauty such as the Wiccans do, palm readings, seances, psychic readings over the telephone, reading daily horoscopes, etc. Some of these things are even being advertised and promoted as the 'in thing' to do in movies and videos! One shocking example was a popular, so-called children's movie which came out a number of years ago. Many people in the United States grew up reading 'Caspar The Friendly Ghost' comic books. In the movie version of the same, one encounters a necromancer and his daughter, who meet the famous ghost, along with three other malevolent demons. Of course, Hollywood presents the film as a simply fun-filled, innocent children's movie; however, closer observation reveals the main character using a pentagram and other objects used in satanic practices, and talking to the dead; not to mention scenes of violence and foul language.

From the movies themselves, to much of the other crap which is associated with New Age thought, the occult, etc., most of it originates in trendy California, U.S.A.! Our children are slowly being poisoned in every sphere of their lives, right in the United States of America; the country which hypocritically boasts of her Christianity by putting 'In God We Trust' on their money and singing 'God Bless America'! Not only is this happening in America; it is happening all around the world as American television programs, movies and propaganda are exported all around the globe! America once shared Christ with the world; now she shares her violence and her New Age sorceries! God will surely bless America alright, but it will be with the fiery wrath of His loving chastisements, because that is what she truly needs to straighten her out! The Lord blessed her and raised her up so that she might carry the Gospel of Salvation into all the world; but she has turned her Christian heritage into an abomination and is as a dog which has returned to its vomit. Consider the following verses:

"And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination."
(Jeremiah 2:7)

"As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly." (Proverbs 26:11)

"But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." (2 Peter 2:22)

Some of you might be asking yourselves what prompts these

people to even want to become involved with these demons of darkness. If one studies the works of Aleister Crowley, Dee, and other satanists, the answer becomes very clear. It is a desire to obtain power and control over the lives of others; and this begins by attempting to control the demonic forces which are said to grant such power. A clear example of this sick mentality, are the high school shootings and killings which have occurred in the United States of America. It has been reported by the mass media, that some of the killers were involved in the occult. If one truly wants to feel as if he possesses power over the lives of others, what more convincing way could there be than to be able to decide if a person lives or dies; and according to what I have read, some of the teen killers had a morbid fascination for death. Tragically, it has been reported that some of the student victims in these senseless killings, were targetted simply because they were Christians, and for no other reason.

Through their foolish alliance with such negative spiritual entities, which some of us believe may possibly manifest themselves in the form of so-called 'aliens' and UFO's, the more serious practitioners of the ancient crafts are said to have as their ultimate goal, the enslavement of the entire world under one final Kingdom of Darkness, with their Prince of Darkness sitting as the King of the World. While I do not fully understand the connections between such practices as satanism, kabalism, illuminism, talmudism, zionism, masonry, and the various shadow organizations and brotherhoods which are said to be associated with them, one thing which I can say, is that all of them are in opposition to our Heavenly Father, and are striving for a world ruled by the Prince of the Power of the Air, as mentioned by the Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Ephesians:

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" Ephesians 2:2, KJV

Exactly how all of the aforementioned things fit into the Biblical prophecies concerning the Beast, the False Prophet and the Antichrist, is also something which I cannot fully explain at this current time. It is for this reason that, rather than spend a lot of my time discussing the various individuals, government organizations, secret brotherhoods, etc., which many conspiracy-related web sites claim are involved in these things, I prefer to point my readers to what is contained in the more sure Word of God. As I tell my readers quite often, the World Wide Web, and even the mass media, is not a very reliable source for accurate, truthful information. As such, it should be read with a great deal of Spiritual Discernment. From reading the Bible, one thing which becomes clear, is that Satan's offer to bow down and worship him in exchange for the control of the world still stands today; and there are indeed those people who have answered his call. You will find my most thorough expose on these people in the in-depth series 'The International Jew And The Protocols Of Zion'. As that demon of darkness said to Jesus:

"...All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall

down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8b-9)

While Jesus was wise enough to reject the Evil One's subtle offer, the foolish humans I discuss in the aforementioned series have not; and soon, they will pay the full price for their stubborn rebellion, unless they repent. As the Apostle Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Romans:

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"
(Romans 6:16)

If they wish to serve the Prince of Darkness, then they must also be willing to answer for their actions. While they may think that they are in charge, it is really Satan who has them in bondage. Each day this division grows clearer, as more people choose sides, and the world becomes polarized in its stand either for or against God. As I mentioned earlier in this series, while it may temporarily appear as if the Children of Darkness have won and have overcome the Children of Light, this will only be God's way of allowing them to fill their cup of iniquity, so that everyone will know that His righteous judgments are justified when they begin to fall; and have not some of them begun to fall already?

In part five of this series, we will continue our discussion by taking a look at such topics as our spiritually sick world and deadly viruses, boastful deceivers of the Endtime, the depth of human evil, the blasphemous tongues of the Antichrist and the Beast, the fiery destruction of the wicked, the Battle Of Armageddon, the nature of God's true Kingdom, American apostasy and the Babylon issue, question the source of the miracles, Satan's vehicles, and the skepticism of the Jews. I trust that you will join me.

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Our Spiritually Sick World - Deadly Viruses, Nature Of The Affliction, Dangerous Experimentation, Endtime Boastful Deceivers, Depth Of Evil, Blasphemy Of The Antichrist And The Beast, The Fiery Destruction Of The Wicked, Battle Of Armageddon, God's True Kingdom, Apostate America And Babylon Question The Source, Satan's Vehicles, Jewish Skepticism

In our present day, so many people have become spiritually desensitized, that they either can no longer see, or else simply refuse to accept, the truth of their own condition. This is yet another symptom of the strong deception which has prevailed in these Last Days. Is it possible that God is attempting to draw the attention of the world to its sinful condition through its many physical afflictions? From one end of the Earth to the other, the world is plagued with all kinds of diseases; and new and more dangerous ones are being discovered which seem to be even more resistant to treatment than the previous strains. From AIDS, to the ebola virus, to new outbreaks of the bubonic plague, to anthrax, to various forms of blood, bone and skin cancer, man appears to be losing the battle in spite of his technology. As we saw in part two, Jesus said that such things are only the Beginning of Sorrows; and that we should expect to see even more of such plagues in the future, as God continues to mete out His judgments on wicked and rebellious men who have rejected His Son.

As I mentioned earlier, the tragedy here is that in Jesus' day, some of these diseases, such as those associated with mental and nervous disorders, were recognized for what they really were; that is, as demonic oppression or possession. If one examines the four Gospels, this becomes particularly clear. The Lord and His Disciples did not treat physical sicknesses simply as an affliction of the body, but rather as a disease of the soul. When they healed someone, quite often it was by rebuking a demon, or many demons, which had taken over a person's body. Consider this example of a young deaf and dumb man, who also apparently suffered from severe epileptic fits:

"And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and

into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose." Mark 9:17-27, KJV

In other cases, a healing of the body was often accompanied by the forgiveness of one's sins as well; in order to show that the true cause of the sickness was a spiritual one; as we see in this example concerning the man who had the palsy; or what is today known as paralysis:

"And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house." Matthew 9:2-7, KJV

So as we have already seen, sadly, because modern man simply refuses to recognize his lowly, sinful state, which would obviously point to the need for forgiveness and a Saviour, the true spiritual condition of the world has been reduced to an onslaught of scientific terms which most people don't begin to understand. In so doing, we are provided with an easy way to rid ourselves of the guilt associated with the sins which may possibly be plaguing our lives. Drugs, such as AZT, and chemotherapy may serve to reduce, or perhaps to even eliminate the outward physical effects of our sins, but the inner spiritual problem will remain, until a real and permanent spiritual solution is sought for.

If doctors and scientists were really honest with us, and told us how little they really know and understand regarding these many bodily afflictions, it would surely frighten some people. In fact, if more people were made aware of how much experimentation is being performed on their bodies, because the doctors really aren't sure what to do, perhaps it might drive more of them to seek the Lord for an answer. But as we have seen, that is part of the problem; people don't want to seek the Lord. They purposely want to continue in their evil unbelieving ways. They want to be deceived.

As I have shown throughout this series, clearly, the name of the Endtime game is deception; and it is one which is being played on many different levels, by many different people. Trust is truly a rare virtue in our modern society. You may recall how in part two, I pointed out that the two Endtime

leaders known in the Book of Daniel as the King of the North and the King of the South will speak lies at the negotiation table. Isn't this typical of modern international politics?:

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed."
Daniel 11:27, KJV

Thus, from politics, to religion, to public education, to the medical field, to many different areas of the scientific field, modern society has truly become totally permeated by deception. Not only are many people deceived themselves, but they also purposely seek to deceive others as well. To add evil upon evil, some people are so proud of their wicked deeds, and their defiance against God, that they boast about it openly, as I can personally testify by my dealings with such ignorant people through my contacts with them on the Internet. Allow me to remind you again of a verse which I shared with you in part two, along with some others taken from Epistles written by the Apostles Peter and Paul:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Timothy 3:13)

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."
(Romans 1:28-32)

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:3-4, KJV

Notice Paul's final remarks in the above verses taken from his Epistle to the Romans. While Paul was referring to the sinful nature of the Romans of his time, how perfectly they describe the society of our modern era as well. Not only do these blasphemers know that they are wrong, and that they will be destroyed if they continue in their unbelief, and in their evil deeds, but they are so wicked, that they actually take pleasure in proudly boasting of such things; especially when they have led others down the same path of destruction that they themselves have followed! I am reminded again of the teen killers in the United States, who actually took pleasure in cold-heartedly killing their fellow students, before taking their own lives as well. Thousands of years ago, the writers of the Bible exposed the evil nature of such blind children of destruction in verses such as the following:

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man."
Matthew 15:19,20, KJV

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:" (Matthew 7:13)

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."
Matthew 15:14, KJV

Of course, as we saw in part two, as far as the Jews are concerned, the epitome of deceit and proud blasphemy against God, will be manifested in the form of the false messiah, the Jewish Antichrist, Moshiach ben David, who will dare to sit in the soon-to-be-built Jewish Temple on Mount Moriah in East Jerusalem, claiming that he is in fact 'God'. However, this demonic deceiver will not be alone in his boastful attitude. As I point out in various other articles, such as in 'John Lennon's Imagine And Secular Humanism', the lies of this false Jewish messiah will be matched by the equally blasphemous tongue of the Muslim Beast who, due to his own pride and vanity, will be deceived into thinking that he can actually challenge and defy the true God of Heaven at the coming Battle of Armageddon; as we see clearly in these following verses:

"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."
(Daniel 7:25)

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done." (Daniel 11:36)

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." (Revelation 13:5-6)

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Revelation 16:13-14, 16, KJV

Notice in the last verses above from the Book of Revelation, how it is the deception of the Beast and the False Prophet, through the performance of miracles and lying wonders, which will result in them leading the armies of the Middle East into the Battle of Armageddon. From the words of Daniel, to Jesus, to Paul to John, it is the same central theme from beginning to end. The Endtime will be marked by deception and lying miraculous wonders. Clearly then, God wants us to be aware of such things, so that we will not be deceived by them.

Thus, there can be absolutely no doubt, that today we live in a society which is in serious spiritual trouble! Faith in God, and in His Son Jesus Christ, is on a steady decline all around the world, while at the same time, Islam is said to be the fastest growing religion of our modern day. If this wasn't tragic enough, as I mentioned earlier in this series, the belief in aliens and UFO's, the occult, New Age thought, and various forms of Eastern religions and meditations are all on the rise. Add to this the alarming level of violence which has taken over the world, and it is easy to see why so many Bible-believing Christians have become alarmed, and are convinced that we are nearing the end of the current wicked system of man. Society will only be allowed to become so evil before the Lord will finally intervene; just as He did once before during the days of Noah, and washed all of the wicked away in His swift judgments. Consider the following verses, written thousands of years ago, which clearly describe, the awful fate which awaits those who would dare to fight against God, and partake in these evil deeds:

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."
Genesis 6:5-7, KJV

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."
Matthew 24:37-39, KJV

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Matthew 3:11,12, KJV

"...The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then

appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn...He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 13:24b-30, 37b-43, KJV

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."
1 Thessalonians 5:3, KJV

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" 2 Thessalonians 2:8, KJV

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."
Revelation 14:9-11, KJV

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." Revelation 19:20-21, KJV

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever...And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."
Revelation 20:10, 15, KJV

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8, KJV

You will notice that it is at the time of Armageddon, that the Islamic Beast and the False Prophet, and the Jewish Antichrist will be destroyed as well. It is interesting to note that right up to the very end, it appears that both sides may have a deceptive spiritual leader who will lead them into this awesome battle; but then, this has been the real battle all along; that is, a battle between the god of the Jews, and the god of the Muslims. Sadly, the supposed Jewish messiah will likewise be a false god and an equally antichrist deceiver. In this regard, there is really not that much difference between the belief systems of the Muslims and the Jews; because they both deny the Divinity and Messiahship of Jesus Christ.

The primary reason why these ancient foes will be fighting this terrible battle, is because neither one of them has understood the truth of the Holy Scriptures. While the flesh children of Abraham, that is, the Jews and the Arabs, have been fighting for literally thousands of years, for control of a small sliver of land located on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea, and will in the near future fight over the final fate of Jerusalem, they both have failed to realize that God has already established His true Nation, and His true Kingdom; and that this Kingdom is not founded upon the blood of Arabs or Jews, but rather upon the Blood of His own dear Son. This worldwide Kingdom is found in the hearts of the true children of Abraham; that is, in the children of faith; who have accepted Jesus Christ as their only King, Lord and Saviour.

While because of their deception, the Jews still believe and convince others that they are God's chosen people, they fail to realize that the Lord's words were fulfilled almost two thousand years ago; and that the Kingdom has been taken from them, and given to another Nation which has been found more worthy. This invisible Kingdom is one which has come without observation, just as Jesus said it would; and it is the true Israel, and the New Jerusalem of the Spirit; and not an old Earthly city which is filled with blood and violence. This is the true City and Country for which the Patriarchs of old sought. While I have discussed this topic in such articles as 'Is God A Racist?', for the time being, please consider the following revelatory verses:

"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Matthew 21:43, KJV

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20,21, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy

nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" 1 Peter 2:9, KJV

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." Hebrews 11:13-16, KJV

While we have taken a small leap into the near future, let us return now to our present time, and to our discussion of the current spiritual condition of the world. As we have now clearly established, there is indeed a spirit of deception and apostasy which has begun to take over the world. We can witness the evil fruits of this antichrist spirit simply by reading our daily news reports, or by turning on the radio or television set. From merciless abortion, to talk of ethnic cleansing, to religious wars, to chemical and biological warfare, to drug and sex related crimes, to economic wars, to political corruption, the world is filled with violence and oppression from one end to the other.

Tragically, the spiritual center for many of these acts of violence, oppression and rebellion against God, is the very country which boasts of being the most Christian nation upon the face of the Earth; the United States of America! While on one hand she tries to show the world her Christian face, on the other hand, she also engages in worldwide economic oppression, military bullying, and the corruption of other less industrialized societies, by enticing them through her exportation of American materialism. Truly, many nations of the world have become bewitched by her, and seek to emulate her affluent lifestyle; while others hate and despise her, and only desire for her destruction. While I am not fully convinced that America represents the Biblical Babylon the Great Whore, her attitude and tactics certainly appear to parallel with the same; and through her foolish acceptance of many false spirits and false religions, which her forefathers knew not, she has truly become 'the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird':

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Revelation 18:2, KJV

One thing is for certain; when evil men and seducers have fallen into their deepest state of apostasy and rebellion against God, as we have now seen, it will finally result in the revelation of the political Beast, the religious False Prophet, and the Jewish Antichrist; who will each carry out their campaign of deception for God's appointed time, until all has been fulfilled. Then, as I explain in the series 'Once Upon A Time: A True Story', the Lord will

unexpectedly return for His faithful Bride, who has kept herself pure and unspotted from the evils of the world.

It is against this backdrop and rising tide of apostasy, rebellion, deception and spiritual darkness which is slowly and insidiously covering the world, that we must seriously question the source of some of these so-called 'miraculous' wonders which have reportedly been occurring in our midst. Are these manifestations and miracles truly works of God, which are meant to inspire the hearts of the faithful; or are they counterfeit signs and lying wonders being performed by Satan and his deceptive horde through his deceived human vehicles? Is the rise in UFO sightings and alien encounters, the emergence of the New Age thought generation, the growing popularity of psychics, gurus, shaman and mystical holy men, and the reports of odd manifestations occurring within some churches and fellowships merely a matter of coincidence; or is there a hidden relationship between them? Are they of divine, human or demonic origin; or possibly a combination of all three? While some charismatic Christians may possibly take offense by my even suggesting such a thought, as I have already pointed out in part one of this series, Satan can indeed appear as an angel of light; even to the Believers:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11:14)

The basic problem here, is that many people in our modern society do not know how to differentiate between the works of God, and the works of Satan. In fact, because many such people deny the Divine Origin and Inspiration of the Bible, which clearly speaks of both God and Satan's existence, they fail to realize that both are alive and well; and that if he so desires, Satan can also grant power to his devotees. This point is made very clear for us in such stories as Moses and Aaron in the courts of the Egyptian Pharaoh. Consider the following verses:

"And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods." (Exodus 7:10-12)

I have often wondered what prompted the pagan nations of the Old Testament to believe in their false gods. Was it just a matter of blind faith? If we consider the previous example, this doesn't seem likely. Skepticism existed then, just as it does now. As we see through the example of the Egyptian sorcerers, Satan and his cohorts apparently must have also performed miracles and lying wonders back then as well; in order to convince their followers that they were not only real, but through granting them victories in battle, and through performing these feats of magic, were also worthy of their worship. Of course, we know that God's true Prophets have always put the false prophets to shame every time, as we see by the above example. Many of us are also familiar with the story of Elijah and the four hundred and fifty

false prophets of Baal, found in the eighteenth chapter of the first Book of the Kings.

As I briefly mentioned in part three, Jewish skepticism was also very strong in Jesus' day as well; and the unbelieving Jewish Elders constantly demanded signs of the Lord before they would believe in Him; and most of them never did. In the New Testament, we find a number of verses which point to the skeptical nature of the Jewish leadership, and of the Jews in general, such as the following:

"Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:"
Matthew 12:38,39, KJV

"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed."
Matthew 16:1-4, KJV

"And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation."
Mark 8:11,12, KJV

"And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven...And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation." Luke 11:16, 29-30, KJV

"Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." (John 4:48)

"For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:" 1 Corinthians 1:22, KJV

In part six of this series, we will continue our discussion on Endtime deception, by taking a look at such subjects as the guilt of the Jews, Salvation from the Jews but for all men, wonders by the Apostles, miracles for today, strong delusion sent by God, modern skepticism, the anti-God education system, Carl Sagan and the SETI program, the growth of the alien/UFO culture, 'Ascended Masters' and the 'Space Brothers', the Prince of the Power of the Air, the Medjugorje visionaries, Mary as Co-Redemptress, Jesus as our only Mediator, the goddess Diana and modern Catholic idol

worship, and the Roman Catholic financial empire. I trust that you will join me.

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Guilt Of The Jews, Salvation Began With Jews But For All Men, Apostles' Miracles, Miracles For Today?, Battle Of The Gods, God Will Send Strong Delusion, Modern Skepticism, Anti-God Education System, Carl Sagan And SETI, New Solar Systems, Growth Of Alien/UFO Culture, Ascended Masters, Great White Brotherhood And Sananda, Prince Of The Air, Medjugoorje 'Visionaries', Mary As Co-Redemptress?, Jesus Our Only Mediator, Goddess Diana, Roman Catholic Empire

I would venture to say that the members of the Jewish Sanhedrin were more guilty because of their unbelief, than were the pagan nations around them who had not been made the guardians of the Holy Prophecies, and thus were not made witnesses to their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Neither had the pagans seen the miracles which the Lord had performed in the land of Egypt, or during the forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Finally, most of the heathen had probably never witnessed the Lord's miracles during the time of His Earthly Ministry. From my study of the Scriptures, it seems that Jesus' ministry only stretched as far north as Syria. In other words, God's Plan of Eternal Salvation began with the Jews; for as Jesus Himself said:

"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews." John 4:22, KJV

In other words, God's Salvation would not only proceed from a Jewish Messiah, but it would be carried to the rest of the world by His first Jewish Apostles. That little word 'of' is derived from the Greek word 'ek', or 'ex', which means out of, from, by, or away from; so if someone tries to convince you that God's Salvation is only meant for the Jews, do not believe it, because it is a demonic lie! God had to put His Plan of Salvation into action somewhere, and for reasons of His own, He chose to start it in Israel; but it is meant for all men who will believe, as I explain in the article 'Is Salvation Meant For All Men?'. As Jesus said:

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32, KJV

From studying the Scriptures, it becomes quite apparent that one of the reasons why the Lord endowed His Apostles with the same miraculous powers which He possessed, is because He knew that due to their stubborn and skeptical nature, that is precisely what it would take to convince other Jews, who may have never met the Lord, to be won to the Early Church. In other words, the Lord had to prove to those potential converts, that the first Apostles were really sent in His Name, by way of the miracles which they performed; for as Jesus Himself had said 'Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe'. This thought is confirmed for us by the

following verse found at the end of the Gospel of Mark:

"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16:20, KJV

So it is apparent that the Lord really went out of His way, to perform all kinds of true miracles and wonders by the hands of the Apostles, in order to establish and strengthen the Early Church. Now that the Church has been established, and has in fact been going strong for almost two thousand years, some people believe that the Gifts of the Spirit are no longer necessary, and no longer in effect. One verse to which they point in order to support this belief is the following:

"Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."
1 Corinthians 13:8, KJV

For my answer to this critical question, allow me to point you to such articles as 'Are The Gifts Of The Spirit For Today?', 'God's Golden Teeth Or Satan's Delusion?' and 'Have You Been Slain In The Spirit?'.
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This discussion concerning the skepticism of the Jews leads us to another very interesting point. We have already seen how the Lord went to great lengths to prove His Messiahship to the doubting Jews. Not only did He perform great signs and wonders within their midst, but His greatest feat was His own Resurrection from the Dead. Not only that, but He then confirmed that His Apostles would carry on His work of evangelizing the world through further miracles and wonders at their hands.

Today, however, it appears that the Lord is doing something entirely different. Because of both the Jews' and the Arabs' rejection of the Salvation message, the Lord is now going to purposely allow both of them to be completely deceived. In fact, it appears that He is going to allow the entire world to be deceived. On one hand, the Islamic False Prophet will be performing signs and lying wonders in order to convince the Muslims to follow the Islamic Beast, and on the other hand, the Jewish false messiah, that is, the Antichrist, will be performing equally amazing feats in order to deceive the Jews into accepting him as their 'God', who will sit in the Jewish Temple. As I mentioned earlier, it will truly be a battle of the gods. Of course, we also have the multitude of other minor false prophets, false christs, New Age gurus, psychics, eastern masters, etc., who have already begun to show their deceitful faces throughout the world.

So then, because many evil children of the Endtime, both Jews and Gentiles alike, want to be deceived, that is what God is going to send them; strong delusion. Please notice in the following verses that we are specifically told 'I also will choose their delusions' and 'God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie'. God Himself is going to make the signs and lying wonders of the Endtime so powerful, and so deceptive, that the only ones who will be

able to detect them, will be those Spirit-filled Christians who are aware of the Bible's strong warnings and prophecies, and who will thus be able to discern the truth from the lie; and even then, I am not convinced that all Christians will escape the delusion; because many of them have already begun to be deceived by Satan's lies. Consider the following verses:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."
(Matthew 24:24)

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,"
(2 Thessalonians 2:9)

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,"
(Revelation 13:13)

"I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not."
(Isaiah 66:4)

"...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:"
(2 Thessalonians 2:10b-11)

So you see, based upon the specific words used in the above verses, it doesn't seem to me like these are just going to be little feats of magic, like turning a rod into a serpent. There are going to be some major, deceptive, lying wonders and miracles. How else will the Lord be able to convince the skeptical people of the world to accept the claims of these various Endtime figures? It is going to require something very powerful; because most people are simply hard-hearted doubters in our current day. The main point I wish to make here, is that we must remember that it is God who will be doing these things. Yes, it will be Satan and his demons working through these people, but they can only do it by God's permission; just as we see in the story of Satan and the Patriarch Job. God will be granting the power, as we see in these following verses which state 'it was given unto him'; just as Satan told Jesus that it was given unto him, that is, to Satan, as well:

"And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it." Luke 4:6, KJV

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months...And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."
Revelation 13:5, 7, KJV

Let us turn our attention now to another facet of the strong delusion of the Endtime. As we have already seen, just like the Jewish Elders of old, modern society is also filled with its share of skepticism; perhaps even moreso. Unless strong physical evidence is presented, the majority of people will simply refuse to believe in anything of a supernatural or spiritual nature, whether it be good or evil; and if they do choose to believe, as we saw earlier, quite often it is in the wrong things. This skepticism and hesitancy to believe in things of a spiritual nature has been greatly reinforced by the advent of modern science and technology; which as I pointed out earlier, not only denies the realities of the Spirit World, but is in fact the enemy of our faith. From the time that a young child enters elementary school, the process begins to erode his faith in God and in the Bible; and to place it instead in the vain wisdom, philosophies, and theories of men. It is for this very reason that the Apostle Paul warns us:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Colossians 2:8, KJV

For more on this topic, please read to such articles as 'The Wisdom Of God vs The Philosophy Of Men', 'The Public School System And School Prayer', and 'The Only Credentials You Need!'. From observing a lot of the young people who are now online, it has become clear to me that the modern education system is mass producing a generation of young adults who are for the most part, very atheistic in their views. While modern science tears away at one's faith in God, at the very same time, it also serves as a catalyst to cause many people to accept the existence of aliens and UFO's. Why is this? In my view, it seems to be due to several reasons. Until almost four decades ago, the very conservative scientific community strongly refuted the existence of extraterrestrial beings; at least publicly. Since then, some men of science, such as the renown, and now-deceased, Carl Sagan and his associates, have supported such programs as 'SETI'; that is, the Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence, and other programs which have been spawned since Frank Drake's first endeavors in the early 1960's.

While Mr. Sagan and his associates have openly sought to discover verifiable signs of extraterrestrial intelligence through the detection of intelligent radio waves originating from deep space, at the same time, Sagan thoroughly rejected the notion that alien beings may have already visited the Earth in times past, or present. Sagan based his arguments primarily upon the vast distances involved in reaching our solar system, the impossibility of FTL travel, or Faster Than Light travel, which would allow one to reach our planet during his own lifetime, etc. While the SETI project and its successors have failed to achieve their goals, at least as far as we the public know, the fact that serious attempts have been made to detect such life, has only added fuel to the fire for those who have already involved themselves in the aliens and UFO's subculture; which we will discuss more thoroughly in a moment.

Even if we choose to ignore all of the many stories of UFO

sightings and alien encounters which have plagued the mass media during the past five decades, and which now flood the Internet, as well as the entertainment industry, what adds further support to the belief in such things, is that in recent years, men of science have made such advances in their observation equipment, that they now claim to have discovered a number of small solar systems outside of our own.

Obviously, such statements have led some people to logically conclude that, given the presumed size of our universe, the number of galaxies which are said to exist, and the number of solar systems which must be contained in each of them, some of those systems must be capable of sustaining life; even intelligent life; and perhaps even intelligent life which technologically-speaking, is far superior to our own. Thus, the very same science which denies God's existence, because He cannot be observed, measured or tested, is used to validate the existence of aliens and UFO's.

Before discussing in detail the aliens and UFO's subculture, allow me to make an important point. As I mentioned a moment ago, a number of false prophets and practitioners of the dark crafts already exist in different parts of the world; and each one of them claims to possess some special calling, some spiritual power, or perhaps some ancient, secret wisdom to share with humanity. Some of these subtle deceivers find their home in Asia, and go by such titles as yogi, maharaji, true parents, guru, lama, lord, his holiness, or his most holiness. In other areas of the world, common titles which are bestowed upon these people include grandfather, holy father or simply father, witch or warlock, bruja or brujo, satanist, druid, kaballist, witchdoctor, curandero, wiccan, palmreader, seer, psychic, lodge master, master, etc. These wicked persons derive their beliefs and practices from many false religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Confuscianism, African tribal religions, ancient paganistic religions of the Middle East, Native American Shamanism and Latin American tribal religions. They are all workers of darkness which we Christians are to avoid; as I will point out more clearly later on in this series.

To continue then, in this century we have experienced the advent, or perhaps the rebirth, of New Age thought; which in my opinion, is nothing more than a modernized, conglomerized version of a number of the aforementioned belief systems. While some of these false prophets and miracle workers still attribute the source of their power and sacred wisdom to the specific gods of their particular religion, or to departed spirits or spirit helpers, or to their ancestors, in recent years, a new source for some of these messages, and thus for the wisdom which is said to be contained in them, has been identified; and that is the so-called 'Space Brothers'.

Exactly who are the 'Space Brothers'? As their name implies, they, and those who believe in them, generally claim that they are intelligent beings, either from outer space, or at least from some unseen realm beyond our own limited three dimensional world. These mysterious creatures have been described in many different colors, sizes and shapes. Some are described as being very human in appearance, even quite

handsome, while others are not. Some are even said to speak perfect English, while others are said to speak in a more Germanic tongue. Some are said to be on our side, while others clearly seek for either our enslavement, or else for our total destruction. They all have different places of origin, different dietary habits, and different kinds and models of spacecrafts as well. It seems that the extent of the aliens and UFO's culture is only limited by one's own imagination.

A prime example of how the mystical, oriental religions and UFOlogy have now been synthesized into one through New Age thought, can be seen in a movie which came out over two decades ago. Think back for a moment to Steven Spielberg's mid 1970's blockbuster movie 'Close Encounters Of A Third Kind'. As the alien spacecrafts made their presence known to the citizens of Earth, scenes were shown of various cultures all around the world, who were in essence worshipping the gods from the sky, by chanting in unison the harmonic sounds which had been generated by the crafts. It was in essence a marriage of ancient meditation and modern technology.

There have been many movies, radio dramas and television programs made over the past five or so decades which depict this very same spirit of excitement and wonder that revolves around alien discovery and intergalactic exploration. These include Buck Rogers, Lost In Space, The Day The Earth Stood Still, the original Star Trek series, its spin-offs and theater movies, ET, Alien Nation, Battlestar Galactica, the Star Wars trilogy and the latest epics of the same, 'The Last Starfighter', Stargate, The Black Hole, and a host of others.

It seems that many people around the world are truly hoping for such an 'alien' encounter. They want to know if someone is really out there. They want to believe that we are not alone in our vast universe. Sadly, crafty merchants have been quick to take advantage of this new craze by offering everything a UFOlogist could possibly want to buy; from coffee mugs to T-Shirts with a large pair of almond-shaped alien eyes. Some towns, such as Roswell, New Mexico, depend heavily upon the tourist income generated by those who come to see the sites of purported UFO crashes. In short, greedy merchants are only adding to the delusion through their selfishness desires for monetary gain.

As alarming as it may be for some Christians to hear this, whether they be real, imagined, hoaxes or manifestations of demons, as I explain in some of my alien and UFO articles, some misguided souls have already begun to refer to these 'alien' creatures as 'Ascended Masters' and technological 'saviours', who have come to save the people of Earth from destruction in their hour of need. This is a core belief of the 'Ascension' subculture, which is particularly strong in the United States of America. It is said that this so-called 'salvation' will result from a combination of advanced alien technology, which will help the Earth and her citizens to pass into another dimension, as well as through the proper implementation of the knowledge gained from these 'Space Brothers'.

One of the primary means of communicating with the entities,

be they alien or otherwise, in order to obtain the knowledge which they are said to possess, is through the extremely dangerous practice known as 'channeling'. This technique has been around for many years, but appears to be experiencing a surge in popularity as more and more people turn away from God and the Light, and towards the darkness. Through this dangerous method, these New Age contactees claim to speak not only with lifeforms aboard alien spacecrafts, but also with the spirits of the dead, and with other disembodied entities; which as we saw in part four, is strictly against the Word of God.

One deceptive New Age work which appears to have a wide following, is the *Urantia Book*; which I prefer to call the *Unbelief Book*, being as it totally denies the necessity of the Blood Atonement of Jesus Christ. Please see my in-depth article entitled '*The Urantia Book: An Attack On The Blood Atonement*' for more information on this topic. The main point I wish to make at this time, is that the *Urantia Book* is also the result of channeling performed during the first half of this century; regardless of what its supporters like to call it. A three-volume work called '*Conversations With Nostradamus*' is likewise the result of channeling; and the interpretations of the cryptic quatrains is said to have come straight from Nostradamus himself! Remember again the somber warning from the Apostle Paul in his second Epistle to Timothy:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Timothy 3:13)

Exactly how does Jesus Christ fit into the 'Space Brothers' scenario? Well, while some of those people do accept Jesus, they do not view Him as the only begotten Son of God, nor as the Saviour of the world, but only as one of the 'Ascended Masters'. These 'enlightened beings' are said to be Earthly spiritual masters, such as Buddha, who have ascended to the Spiritual Realm, where they have each taken their place as a part of the 'Great White Brotherhood'. As I stated a moment ago, the 'Space Brothers', it is claimed, will help 'Mother Earth', or 'Gaea', a word derived from ancient Greek myths, in her 'Ascension Plan'.

Some of this same New Age psychobabble is also embraced and preached by Native-American false prophets such as Robert Morningsky. Other New Agers, such as Mr. Sheldon Nidle, have been spreading silly rumours about an imminent, massive UFO landing by the so-called 'Galactic Federation' for a number of years now. I lost count of how many times this landing has been delayed, and Mr. Nidle has been forced to dream up another excuse for the same. The next time someone tries to convince you to accept this New Age psychobabble from the stars, you might want to remind them of the source of their delusion. The Apostle Paul perfectly identified this demon from the sky for us when he wrote:

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" (Ephesians 2:2)

The word 'prince' is derived from the Greek word 'archon', which means ruler, prince, chief ruler, commander or leader. The word 'power' is derived from the Greek word 'exousia', which means power, authority and jurisdiction. And finally, the word 'air' is derived from the Greek word 'aer', which itself is derived from 'aemi'. This refers to the lower and denser air, as well as the atmospheric region. Clearly then, this verse is stating that Satan has jurisdiction over the atmospheric heavens which surround the Earth; which just so happens to be the same place where UFO's are encountered! Might this be the same as the 'high places' to which Paul is referring in this next verse? And don't forget; Satan and his followers can indeed appear as angels of light; or maybe as glowing disks?:

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12, KJV

In light of these Scriptural facts, it is interesting to note that while there have been a number of very 'positive' aliens and UFO's movies and television programs, there have also been quite a few which have taken a very negative twist as well; in which these space creatures are depicted as evil entities with only one agenda in mind; and that is to either enslave, or else to destroy humanity. Such has been the case with movies and television series such as The Invaders, War Of The Worlds, Invaders From Mars, V, and the very popular movie Independence Day: The Fourth Of July. The Internet and air waves have also been flooded with the likes of Art Bell, Whitley Strieber, cattle mutilations, alien abductions, crop circles, Area 51-S4, and much more. Could it be that there is a grain of truth to the many 'alien' abduction stories which circulate within the UFO subculture? Furthermore, is it possible that someone somewhere has discovered the true nature and evil intent of these supposed 'aliens', and is trying to tell us that we better get smart and realize who and what we are really dealing with?

So, as we have already seen, strong delusion and deception is on the rise in every sphere of our existence. Exactly how aliens and UFO's may fit into Biblical prophecy, I am not really certain at this current time. While I do suggest in some of my articles that some of the Endtime figures may attempt to deceive the world into believing that they are advanced alien intelligences, thus hiding the fact that their powers are really spiritual, and demonic in nature, further study of the Bible has caused me to doubt this possibility; and I am having a difficult time reconciling such ideas with what is actually described in the Holy Scriptures. I just don't find any strong evidence which points to the Beast, the False Prophet, or the Antichrist claiming to be from outer space. Endtime prophecy all seems to occur on a very Earthly plane, according to the normal course of political and religious events. Of course, as I have also already pointed out, these events are influenced by invisible spiritual forces.

Let us return now to the topic which began this series; and that is the Medjugorje 'visionaries', and deception within

the Body of Christ. One of the things which I find most disturbing regarding the Medjugorje events, is that I have read with my own eyes, messages from the 'visionaries', as well as from other Roman Catholic prophets and prophetesses, in which 'Mary' claims to be the mediator between God and man. In fact, in recent years, the members of the 'one true faith', as some Rome Catholics view themselves, have begun to refer to Mary as the Co-Mediatrix or Co-Redemptress; thus making her an equal with Jesus Christ Himself. As sincere, Bible-believing Christians, we know that this is an absolute satanic lie; and that it is in direct contradiction to the Scriptures. The Bible clearly tells us that Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man; He alone is the Captain of our Salvation. These verses make this point very clear:

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" (1 Timothy 2:5)

"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." (Hebrews 8:6)

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." (Hebrews 9:15)

"And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." (Hebrews 12:24)

"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Hebrews 2:10, KJV

There should be no doubt in our hearts whatsoever, that any spiritual manifestation, such as a 'miraculous' appearance, or a statue which seems to display some kind of 'miraculous' characteristics, or any other type of manifestation which detracts from Jesus Christ as being the point of focus of our Christian faith, and places worship on another person or object, is not of God, and is one of Satan's counterfeits. The creation of, and worship of statues of divine goddesses is by no means a modern concept. As the Bible clearly tells us, it has been a lucrative business for literally thousands of years. Consider this incident found in the Book of Acts:

"And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and

the world worshippeth. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians." (Acts 19:23-28)

Whether she is referred to as Aphrodite, Artemis, Ashtar, Diana, Ishtar, Isis, Venus or Mary, it is all the same thing under a different wrapper. As I point out in 'Mary Worship, Christianity And Roman Catholicism', the creation of icons to Mary, or to any other departed Saint, is nothing short of pagan idol worship; and the Lord frowned upon such things throughout the entire Bible. Any religion which encourages the creation of such statues, which are then kissed, blessed, revered, and carried through city streets on a raised platform, is simply a false idolatrous religion; whether it be Roman Catholicism or otherwise. Many times in the Bible, we are told that the Lord is a jealous God, and that He will have no other gods before Him. One can only imagine how many millions of dollars must flow into Roman Catholic coffers, due to the mass production and sale of idols and trinkets, and due to the many Roman Catholic tourist traps, where the Catholic faithful go to see 'visions', or to witness their so-called 'miracles'. It is a worldwide business venture which Jesus Himself clearly exposed in His own day. Many of us are familiar with the following scene from the Gospels:

"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." (Matthew 21:12-13)

What I find so hypocritical about such practices, is that where I live, there is a strong Catholic movement to keep legalized gambling out of our area. While this is indeed a good thing with which I can agree, at the very same time, on a worldwide level, the Roman Catholic moneychangers probably earn billions of dollars from their bingo enterprises, and other multi-million dollar business ventures and real estate investments. To me, this certainly sounds like trying to cast the mote out of their brother's eye, while they still have a beam in their own eyes; and a very big one at that!

In part seven, we will continue this discussion by taking a look at such subjects as the temptation of secrets, freely sharing the Words of Life, Jesus' unique status, the Gifts of the Spirit, the false doctrine of no Holy Spirit without Tongues, the importance of Spiritual Discernment and Wisdom, testing the spirits, vain lip service and man pleasing, verbal confession as a prerequisite for our Salvation, false brethren lying in wait to deceive, false shepherds old and new, William Branham's spawn of self-styled false prophets, the submissive spirit of the Prophet, Simon the sorcerer and the true character of Godly servants. I trust that you will join me.

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Temptation Of Secrets, Freely Share Words Of Life, Jesus' Unique Status, Deceptive Urantia Book, Gifts Of The Spirit, No Holy Spirit Without Tongues?, Spiritual Discernment And Wisdom, Testing The Spirits, The Devils Also Believe And Tremble, Vain Lip Service And Menpleasers Verbal Confession, False Brethren, Lying In Wait To Deceive, False Shepherds, William Branham's Clones, Spirit Of The Prophet, Simon The Sorcerer, Self-Styled False Prophets, God's Humble Servants

One of the most enticing aspects of Roman Catholic Saint and idol worship, is that of the concept of secrets. This is one of Satan's favorite tricks with occult religions. He is the master when it comes to arousing the curiosity of we humans, through some purported hidden knowledge, which will only be revealed to those who have been found worthy of such honor. We find this very same ploy being used in kabalism, masonry, satanism, illuminism, etc. Please don't ever forget that Satan knows exactly how to use human pride and vanity, in order to bring about our downfall. Isn't this exactly what he did with Adam and Eve? Didn't he convince them that God was holding back important information from them? Consider the tempting words which that subtle serpent used in order to bring rebellion, sin and death into the world:

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Genesis 3:1)

You see; Satan was basically saying, 'Hey, I know something that you don't know. I have a secret that I want to share with you. God hasn't told you everything, and He is afraid for you to find this out.'. If one carefully examines the history of Fatima, and closely studies the messages from Medjugorje, as I did for a time, this is precisely what he will discover. The 'visionaries' have supposedly been given some secret knowledge which is not meant to be revealed to the world yet; and it attracts the unwary and the ignorant like flies to a pile of garbage! If you doubt that this is so, consider the years of controversy which have surrounded the third secret of Fatima. All of these deceptive religions and brotherhoods boast of some level of secret wisdom and knowledge which is hidden below the surface, and just out of sight. Well, if it is below the surface, then it is in the dark; and it is a work of darkness; and we are not to have anything to do with it. We will look at this topic again in part eight of this series.

So again, this idea of secrets is all a well-laid-out plan by Satan, because God's true Word is open to the entire world, both to read and to study. It isn't just meant for a chosen few, such as when the Roman Catholic hierarchy kept

the Scriptures in Latin for literally centuries, in order to keep the truth out of the hands of the common people. The Word of God is meant for anyone, and for everyone, who has a sincere desire to know and to understand it, in order that he might freely receive Eternal Life. As the Scriptures tell us plainly:

"...freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8, KJV

"And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad." Mark 4:21,22, KJV

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32, KJV

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."
Revelation 21:6, KJV

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
Revelation 22:17, KJV

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5, KJV

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26, KJV

So again, any belief system which claims to possess some esoteric knowledge, or some secret wisdom which is only reserved for a chosen few, such as the set of secrets which were supposedly revealed only to the children at Medjugorje, should be viewed with extreme suspicion. Through his subtle, deceptive works, Satan, the false angel of light, will cause a person to fall into disbelief, or to accept a counterfeit religion; such as we see today in Roman Catholicism, and in many other false religions around the world as well. Is it really any wonder that in this age of strong delusion and lying wonders, that many people are attracted by the occult, by self-styled psychics, by horoscopes, by New Age thought, by aliens and UFO's, and by other similar satanic traps? All of these things use knowledge of the unknown to attract their victims; and the secrets of Fatima and Medjugorje are no different.

To reiterate what I said earlier; as far as I am concerned, any being, whether human, 'alien' or spiritual, which denies the Divinity and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ, is a liar and a deceiver. They are antichrist! Any church, organization, fellowship, faith or religious doctrine which seeks to lower Jesus from His unique status as the only begotten Son of God

who alone died for the sins of the world, is also promoting a lie and a deception. As I explain in my article 'The Holy Qur'an: Doctrine Of Devils', this is exactly what is taught by Islam. While the Muslims accept Jesus Christ as a great Prophet of God, they do not believe that God has a Son. Not only that, but they also claim that Muhammad was the final, and the greatest prophet, who likewise ascended bodily into paradise. Allow me to remind you of what Jesus taught us concerning those who came before Him, and those who would come after Him as well:

"All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them." (John 10:8)

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."
(Matthew 24:24)

Let me warn you. Satan is so subtle, that there are even some people who claim to believe in Jesus as the Son of God, yet they teach that His Blood Sacrifice was not necessary for our Salvation. Such is the case with that damnable book of heretics, the Urantia Book, which I mentioned earlier. That damnable tome casts serious doubt upon the necessity of our Lord's Sacrifice. The Urantia Book is nothing but New Age psychobabble, full of lies and subtle distortions of the truth, so don't you believe it! It is poison for your soul!

Let us return now to our discussion on false manifestations. The sad truth is that some Christians are so eager for real, physical proof in order to boost their faith, that they will readily accept anything which appears to be miraculous in nature, as automatically coming from the Hand of God; and this is a serious error. If there is one lesson which I am constantly trying to impress upon my readers, it is that they should not accept things on their face value. In our modern day, it seems that many Christians are desirous of obtaining the more noticeable Gifts of the Spirit; such as Speaking in Tongues, and the Gift of Prophecy. The desire for these particular Gifts, is due in part to the erroneous doctrine which is spread by some churches and denominations, which basically teaches that unless a person manifests such Gifts, he is not truly filled with God's Holy Spirit.

In my view, this is an absolute lie. As I point out in some of the articles mentioned earlier in this series, these are not the most important Gifts of the Spirit. Furthermore, while Speaking in Tongues and Prophecy are available to us Christians, it is important to realize that they can also become a trap, and a snare; particularly for those people who are proud in the flesh. In other words, the exercise of such Gifts can easily change from being Christ-glorifying, to self-glorifying. They can cause one to boast in the flesh of some false spirituality. If that weren't enough, another danger here, is that some people may desire these two Gifts so much, that they will actually deceive themselves into believing that they possess them when they really don't. On a subconscious level, they will begin to try to mimic those around them who really do possess these Gifts; and this can obviously lead to the potential danger of false prophecies

being uttered in the Body of Christ, which I will address again in a moment.

To be quite honest with you, I consider the Gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, and Spiritual Discernment, to be of much more importance and value in our daily Christian walk of faith, than the Gift of Tongues, and the Gift of Prophecy. Let us speak honestly here. If more people possessed these Gifts, instead of some of the others, perhaps we would not see so many Christians who have been duped by these false prophets, messengers and 'visionaries'. While some of these Christians understand that we are supposed to try, or test, the spirits according to John's admonition, as I mentioned in part one, what they fail to realize, is that just because a person verbally confesses belief in Jesus Christ is not enough. In response to the statement I have just made, some Christians may be tempted to reply by quoting some of the following verses to me:

"And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me."
Mark 9:38,39, KJV

"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."
1 Corinthians 12:3, KJV

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." 1 John 4:2,3, KJV

If we were to limit our research to these verses alone, it would definitely seem that I am wrong in my assertion; thus, some people will say, 'See; that person believes in Jesus Christ; so the miracles they are doing must surely be of God'. Or they might say, 'Surely that man is a prophet of God. He openly confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour!'. Or perhaps someone else will say 'How can you doubt those visionaries? They have accepted Christ into their lives'. What such people fail to do, is to balance Scripture with Scripture. This is one lesson which I have tried to teach my readers over and over again. In fact, in a number of my articles. I speak quite extensively regarding this issue; such as in 'Rightly Dividing The Word Of Truth'. While all of the previous verses are indeed true, they only represent half of the Scriptural picture. For example, consider the following verse which paints a very different picture:

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19)

Do you see that? The devils believe in God; the demons know who God is; but in their rebellious state, they don't accept His authority over their lives. In like manner, just because

a certain person claims to believe in Jesus Christ, is still not sufficient proof that their miraculous works are truly of God; after all, even the devils fear and tremble, and recognize God the Father. Not only that, but in the Gospels, we find at least one example of a certain demon-possessed person who knew, recognized and confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Consider the story of the demoniac who was possessed by many devils named Legion, found in the eighth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew:

"And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"

(Matthew 8:28-29)

Just as James wrote, these devils trembled before Jesus' presence. They knew who He was; and they also knew what awaited them in the future. Notice that they say 'Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?'. It should be clear then that it isn't that Satan and his demons don't know who Jesus and His Father are, it is simply that they reject their Divine Authority. In like manner, there are many Christians in the world today, both within and without churches and organizations, who claim to believe in Jesus Christ. To say one believes in Jesus is easy; people do it every day. Words are cheap; but some of these people are not very sincere. They aren't speaking from their hearts, but only from their heads. Jesus exposed such people very well, when during a certain clash with the Jews, He quoted from the Prophet Isaiah. Consider the following verses:

"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:" Isaiah 29:13, KJV

"Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." Matthew 15:7,8, KJV

"He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."

Mark 7:6, KJV

"Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:"

Ephesians 6:6,7, KJV

The Salvation formula is not based upon verbal confession alone. It isn't just making a verbal show in the flesh in order to impress others, but rather it is really believing in our hearts as well. The Apostle Paul made this very clear when he wrote the following lines to the Roman brethren:

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,

and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10)

Thus we see that there are clearly two conditions to one's Salvation; believing inwardly; and confessing openly. Sadly, some people confess Christ openly, but they don't really believe inwardly. As I pointed out in part one, this is precisely what has been happening since the First Century Church. Even back then, Satan had already crept into the flocks of God via the false Jewish brethren, in order to sow division and discord within the Church, so that he could ultimately destroy the Work of God from within. In speaking of these false brethren who confess with their mouths, but yet who deny within their hearts, King Solomon was inspired to write the following in the Book Of Proverbs:

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." (Proverbs 6:16-19)

This is precisely what these false brethren were doing. They were openly saying, 'Of course we accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah; ...but!'; and then they would begin spreading their damnable lies, doubts, heresies and false doctrines. These subtle deceivers were, and are, wolves in sheep's clothing, who like to lie in wait, in order to deceive, and to devour the flocks of God with their twisted doctrines, and their lying, miraculous wonders, when the proper moment arrives. Consider the following verses which clearly expose their evil nature:

"The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit. The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them." Proverbs 12:5,6, KJV

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matthew 7:15)

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." (Matthew 10:16)

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" Ephesians 4:14, KJV

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" (1 Peter 5:8)

Some of these sly wolves are priests, pastors, ministers and shepherds who have totally compromised the true message of the Gospel, in order that they might retain their wealth,

and their positions of authority, control and respect within their particular church or fellowship. As I mention in other articles, the Prophets Ezekiel and Jeremiah both exposed the sins and hypocrisy of these false religionists in their day. Please read Ezekiel chapter thirty-four for a clear example of this. While these Prophets were referring to the false Jewish shepherds of their own day, it is very alarming to see how their descriptions can easily be applied to members of the Christian leadership today. I am reminded of Jesus' warning found in Matthew chapter seven:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."
(Matthew 7:21-23)

Please take careful note of the previous verses. To whom is Jesus addressing His Words? Who is He describing here? Is it the leaders and shepherds of other non-Christian religions? Are they the ones who would be doing these things in His Name? Definitely not! The Lord is clearly talking about the Christian shepherds who deceive their flocks by their lying wonders! Notice that they say 'Have we not prophesied in thy name?'. Have we not seen this very thing in our current day? The churches are filled with deceptive false prophets and visionaries; from the charismatic Catholics, to the more liberal Pentecostals! We find them on the radio and on the television set as well; and the Internet is literally full of sites which contain messages from 'wannabe' prophets. It seems that everyone has their in-house prophets who tickle the ears of the Believers with what they want to hear; even if it is false and never comes to pass. Consider the following verses:

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jeremiah 5:31, KJV

"For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD." Jeremiah 29:9, KJV

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"
2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

So you see, Satan has been using the false prophecy trick for literally thousands of years; and yet God's children continue to be deceived by it. In particular, I am reminded of the followers of William M. Branham, who some people claim was a great prophet and faith healer of God. In fact, as I point out in 'Elijah: Where Are The True Prophets Of God?', Branham boasted of being the Endtime Elijah; and some of his most ardent followers adamantly believe this to this very day. I have read Mr. Branham's personal testimony, and it is clear that this is what he believed. Although he never came right out and said it directly, it is clearly suggested

and insinuated in his writings. Well, it seems that even though Mr. Branham has been dead for several decades now, he has spawned a generation of William Branham clones. I have met a number of them on the Internet, who have even joined our online ministry for a time; that is, until I was forced to remove them. They just love saying 'Thus saith the Lord', when maybe the Lord really hasn't spoken through them. Notice that in that previous verse, the Lord says through the Prophet Jeremiah 'they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them'. The Apostle Paul also tells us:

"And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." 1 Corinthians 14:32, KJV

The word 'subject' in that verse is derived from the Greek word 'hupotasso' which means to arrange under, to be subject or subordinate to, to submit to, to obey, or to yield to. In other words, the true Prophet is supposed to control what comes out of his mouth. He must spiritually discern first, that the message that he is receiving is truly of the Lord, before he speaks it. If he isn't sure, if the message seems to contradict the Scriptures, then he had better shut up, or not even start prophesying to begin with.

I have read quite a number of wild predictions, prophesied by both Christian 'prophets' and New Agers alike; and just as I pointed out in part one, they have not come to pass. As such, the Scriptures plainly tell us that we should reject these people, because they have not truly spoken in the Name of the Lord. Just like those lying demons, they may say that they believe in Jesus, and they may even say that they are speaking in the Name of the Lord, but they are liars! Let me tell you; pride is a deceiver; and some of these Christian brethren have indeed fallen into its trap! Since God didn't choose to make them famous, they have apparently chosen to cultivate their own images as self-styled prophets. I am reminded of a story found in the Book of Acts, concerning a man who was known as Simon the sorcerer. Just like some of these Christians false prophets today, who aren't satisfied with being humble servants of the Lord, and thus desire to be famous prophets and healers, Simon too apparently used his sorcery in order to perform some amazing feats of magic, as a way to convince the people of Samaria, that he 'was some great one':

"But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:" Acts 8:9, KJV

This proud attitude of wanting to be somebody famous, even if the desire is to be some great, flaming evangelist for the Lord, is in absolute contradiction to the Scriptures; yet sadly, modern Christianity is plagued by this sickening spirit. The humble, sacrificial attitude which is supposed to characterize real servants of the Lord, who are willing to die to themselves, and to their own desires of the flesh, in order to accomplish God's Will in their lives, and thus be a blessing to others, is clearly revealed in the following verses:

"(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)" Numbers 12:3, KJV

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18, KJV

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matthew 11:29, KJV

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:4, KJV

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28, KJV

"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." Matthew 23:11,12, KJV

"And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." Mark 9:35, KJV

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." Luke 9:23,24, KJV

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30, KJV

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:13,14, KJV

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1, KJV

"...I die daily." 1 Corinthians 15:31b, KJV

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." (2 Corinthians 4:5)

"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:" Philippians 2:7, KJV

"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble...Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." James 4:6, 10, KJV

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed

with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"

1 Peter 5:5,6, KJV

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16, KJV

What a far cry from the self-glorifying preachers, teachers and prophets we find within the Body of Christ today! Lord help us all to be more Christ-like in our nature, and to truly be servants of all, as was Christ and His followers. Is it any wonder then that we must go through the Great Tribulation, in order to purge out the dross and impurities in our lives? Truly, in our current state, none of us are ready to meet our Maker. This is why the Prophet Daniel and the Apostle Peter were inspired to write:

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

Daniel 12:10, KJV

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

1 Peter 4:17, KJV

As we continue this discussion in part eight, we will be looking at such topics as false miracle workers, the Word as our standard, written for our admonition, lack of knowledge, apostate America and ancient Israel, spiritual famine and imitation manna, Christ the Cornerstone, a Spiritual Temple, faith built upon God's Word, the immutability of God's Holy Word, comparing the fruit, according to our works, flee from the workers of darkness, keeping our eyes only on Jesus, and the children of disobedience. I trust that you will join me.

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False Miracle Workers, Standard Of The Word, Written For Our Admonition, Lack Of Knowledge, Apostate America And Ancient Israel, Spiritual Famine And Imitation Manna, Christ The Cornerstone, A Spiritual Temple, Faith Built Upon God's Word, Immutability of God's Holy Word Compare The Fruit, Good Fruit, According To Our Works, Flee From Workers Of Darkness, Eyes Only On Jesus, The Children Of Disobedience

Returning to the Lord's words in the Gospel of Matthew, notice also that some of these false emissaries of Satan will claim to cast out demons in His Name, and to do many wonderful works in His Name. Again, remember that these are supposedly Bible-believing, Christ-accepting Christians who are saying these things. How does the Lord respond to them after they make their self-righteous claims? 'I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity'. If you stop and consider all of the false, staged healings which some phoney preachers have performed in their tent revivals and on the television set, plus people who have supposedly been 'slain in the spirit', and yet others who have reportedly had their teeth filled with gold by the Lord, etc., it is quite easy to understand exactly what Jesus might be referring to here. Stated plainly, He is telling us that such things do not originate with His Father, but rather with the father of lies; Satan himself; the false angel of light; because now is the hour of darkness; and thus, the works of darkness must be manifested in order to deceive an unbelieving world. Consider the following verse:

"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Isaiah 60:2, KJV

So the warning is very clear: don't be deceived by these workers of darkness; regardless of how religious, or how spiritual they may appear to be! Satan can, will, and has indeed already begun to perform his mighty signs and lying wonders, as I have amply demonstrated in this series; and such things do not originate with the Father of Lights:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
James 1:17, KJV

Now, allow me to ask you a simple question. Do you know why this is happening today? Not only is it because of unbelief on the part of the wicked children of the world, but it can also be attributed to the fact that even those people who do believe in the Lord, do not know and study the Word of God as they should. In other words, they don't have a standard in their lives. To know what is true and what is false, we

must have a reliable standard to follow. We must possess something with which to compare and judge all matters; and that is the Word of God. Because some Christians do not take the time to study the Scriptures for themselves, either due to laziness, or due to a lack of interest, or possibly due to a lack of time; and because they depend on others to tell them what it says or means, such as their priest, pastor or Catechism teacher, they are being deceived and led astray by these modern-day false prophets, these secular humanistic wolves in sheeps' clothing!

Within certain Christian circles, it is believed that, in a spiritual sense, modern-day America is following a similar course to that of ancient Israel. In my writings, you will notice that I often use the very same approach in order to explain important points. As it was once said, the only thing we learn from history, is that we never learn from history; and this certainly applies to Biblical history as well. In fact, in his Epistle to the Corinthians, Paul was inspired to write the following words of wisdom:

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Corinthians 10:11, KJV

Just as the world today is dying, both physically, and spiritually, due to a lack of knowledge of the Word of the Lord, so it was also in the days of ancient Israel. Consider the following revelatory verses found in the book of the Prophet Hosea. It is rather amazing how much they sound just like Christianity, and in particular, apostate America, today. If you replace the word 'Israel' with 'America' the similarity becomes even more apparent:

"Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame."
Hosea 4:1-7, KJV

Truly, America, and the world in general, is dying in both a spiritual sense as well as in a physical sense, due to their lack of knowledge of the Word of the Lord. Notice also that towards the end of those verses, Hosea writes 'As they were increased, so they sinned against me'. Just as Israel grew in numbers and became rich, fat, lazy and self-confident, and thus forgot her Maker, hasn't America followed a similar

course? Just like ancient Israel, she has polluted the land which the Lord gave to her; and she has committed every abominable work imaginable; and has become preoccupied with building church buildings, instead of worshipping the God of Heaven in spirit and in truth. Consider again some of these ancient words which bear a striking resemblance to America:

"And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination." Jeremiah 2:7, KJV

"For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof." Hosea 8:14, KJV

Because of her sins, and because of her rebellion against the Most High, just like ancient Israel, America, and the world, has already begun to experience a spiritual famine, as the true Word of God is being withdrawn, and is being replaced by a counterfeit which does not satisfy. For more information on this topic, please read the series 'In Defense Of The KJV'. For now though, please consider the following revelatory verses:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst." Amos 8:11-13, KJV

Following the central theme of this series, what is so very deceptive about this spiritual famine, is that most people do not even realize that it is happening, because they still have their counterfeit versions of the truth, and they still have all of their signs and lying wonders, which make it appear as if everything is okay, when it really isn't. They don't even realize that they are slowly being starved to death! Just as in the formation of a piece of petrified wood, grains of truth are being replaced a little at a time, so that the changes are imperceptible, except to those who possess a trained eye. Similar to another ancient prophecy, the true Manna from Heaven, God's Holy Word, is slowly being replaced by a loaf of cheap, white, chemicalized bread:

"And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied." Leviticus 26:26, KJV

So as we can plainly see, because God's people have forsaken the true Manna from Heaven, and have accepted a counterfeit form of spirituality, they no longer have the knowledge, or the skill, to exercise Spiritual Discernment. If they were to return to the Lord, and to seriously studying His true Word, then they would quickly realize that Mary cannot be a 'co-redemptress' or a 'co-mediatrix'. They would also come

to understand that Jesus is not just an 'Ascended Master' or one of many 'Space Brothers'. In like manner, they would know that God does not need to fill people's teeth with gold when He can quite easily replace the entire tooth if He so desires. By the same token, they would realize that barking like dogs, roaring like lions, rolling on the floor foaming at the mouth, being 'slain in the spirit', succumbing to uncontrollable laughter, stomping their feet in a frenzy, twitching like a dead man, and other such things are not of the Spirit of the Lord, but rather are of Satan the false angel of light.

Concerning the Jews, they too would realize that the coming Antichrist is a fake and a usurper, and not their Messiah. They would know that God does not require of them to build another Temple, or to sacrifice anew, because Jesus was the Final Sacrifice, and we are His true Spiritual Temple; of which Jesus Christ is the chief Cornerstone; precisely as was written by the Apostles Peter and Paul:

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself." Hebrews 7:22-27, KJV

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22, KJV

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." 1 Peter 2:5,6, KJV

For more information on the true seed of Abraham, please refer to the series 'Is God A Racist?'. Similarly, if the Muslims were to accept God's inspired Holy Word, they too would realize that the False Prophet and the Beast are not their religious and military saviours. They would know that the messages received by Mohammad were not from the real Angel Gabriel, and that God does indeed have a Son who died for the sins of the world, including for their sins as well. So much deception could be easily avoided; but sadly, for the time being, this is not to be; and the strong delusion continues; because the world has rejected the true God of Heaven, and His inspired Word.

Through a preponderance of Scriptural evidence, I have been exposing the strong delusion which is to prevail in these Last Days. Just as God has granted His children the Power to perform miracles for His glory, those devoted to Satan have likewise been given this same power; and they have, and will continue to use it, in greater and more deceptive ways. This is the age of strong delusion; this is the age of lying wonders; and I would dare say that we have only seen the beginning of it!

Contrary to those people who must require signs and wonders before they will believe, as true children of the King, we must realize that this is the age of grace, and of faith. As such, we should not need outward signs and wonders, or some kind of spiritual crutches, in order to increase, bolster or maintain our faith. Even if we personally never witness a miracle, we cannot, and should not, stop believing; after all, with most of us, it didn't require a miracle for us to begin believing in the first place; did it? That being the case, we should not need them now either; for as the Apostle Paul was inspired to write:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

In my personal life, I have never seen an Angel; at least not to my knowledge; or a bleeding statue, or a stigmata, or a crying statue of Jesus or Mary, or a bona fide miracle of healing, or a vision; yet I believe in the Lord with all my heart, in spite of this lack of confirmatory signs. Why is this? It is because my faith is founded solely upon the Word of God; it is founded upon His precious promises to me; and upon nothing else. As I mentioned in part seven, the Word is the Standard in my life. It is the Foundation of my faith. If the Lord has magnified His Word above all else, should not we do the same? Should we not believe in it, and trust in it with full confidence, even if we never witness a sign of any kind? Consider the following verses which establish the sureness, and the immutability of God's Word:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)

"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." (Psalms 138:2)

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever." (Psalms 119:160)

"LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalms 119:89)

"Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word." (Psalms 119:114)

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and

God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

(Ecclesiastes 3:14-15)

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" (Isaiah 46:9-10)

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

(Romans 3:4)

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (2 Timothy 3:16)

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" (Titus 1:2)

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:...For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:19, 21)

I have learned to believe in, know and accept Jesus Christ through the written Word; the Bible. As I mentioned earlier in this discussion, it is through prayerfully reading, and patiently and earnestly studying the Bible, that we can all come to understand what is true and what is false. If more people would take the time to do this, perhaps they would not be so easily deceived by the false prophets and many lying wonders which are even now manifesting themselves in the world. In the following verses, the Lord tells us that we must compare the fruit, that is, the effect, that these 'miraculous' or supernatural occurrences and other phenomena are having on our lives, and on the lives of others as well, in order to know if these miracle workers are truly of God. Furthermore, we must look beyond these signs and wonders, and carefully examine what such people teach and preach, in order to see if it is in accordance with God's Word; because that is the true test of such people and events:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

(Matthew 7:15-20)

Jesus is telling us plainly that the way to know whether or not a particular religion, doctrine, practice, manifestation

or person is of God, is by the kind of fruit it bears; just like a real fruit tree. If it is a good tree, it will bear good fruit; and if it is an evil tree, it will bear evil fruit. Exactly what is meant by good fruit? Quite simply, if something increases your faith in the Lord, if it increases your desire to study His Word, and if it motivates you to manifest your love towards others by sharing God's Word with them, so that they too are given the opportunity to believe in Jesus and thus inherit Eternal Life, then it is more than likely good fruit. This is the only fruit that will last into the next life. If you are interested in reading more about bearing good fruit for God's Kingdom, please refer to such articles as 'Are You Bearing Good Fruit For The Lord?', 'Once Upon A Time: A True Story', and others which discuss Christian discipleship.

But what about those people who have built their lives upon a false foundation, and not upon faith in Jesus Christ and His Word? What about the people who have allowed themselves to be deceived by the lying wonders of the Endtime, who have foolishly accepted these other belief systems with their false prophets, their false messiahs, and their so-called miracles? What will happen to them? The Word of God clearly tells us that they will fail to pass the test. In fact, we are told that whatever is not built upon the True Rock, that is, upon Jesus Christ and His Word, will be burned. That is why Jesus, Peter, Paul, John and others us that we will all be judged by our works at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment. Consider the following verses:

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (1 Corinthians 3:14-15)

"If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?" Proverbs 24:12, KJV

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16:27, KJV

"And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:" 1 Peter 1:17, KJV

"...I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works." Revelation 2:23b, KJV

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13, KJV

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those

things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

Revelation 20:12,13, KJV

So as can be seen, it is extremely important that our faith is only in Jesus Christ, and in no one, or in anything else. If what you currently believe in or practice causes you to place your faith in someone, or in something other than Jesus Christ, then I urge you to be extremely careful. In fact, I urge you to submit yourself to God, and to flee from these works of darkness immediately! As we saw in part four, Jesus is the only Light of the World; and being as we are His children through adoption, we too must dwell only in the Light. You will find more on this topic in the article 'The Children Of Light: Are You One Of Us?'. For now though, please consider the wise counsel found in the following Scriptures, which warn us to flee from darkness:

"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."
(1 Timothy 6:11)

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (2 Timothy 2:22)

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

"Neither give place to the devil." Ephesians 4:27, KJV

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:19,20, KJV

"They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course." Psalms 82:5, KJV

"The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble." Proverbs 4:19, KJV

"The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all." Ecclesiastes 2:14, KJV

"There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves." Job 34:22, KJV

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4, KJV

"To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:"
Proverbs 2:12-15, KJV

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans 13:12, KJV

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."
2 Corinthians 4:6, KJV

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"
2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:...And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Ephesians 5:8, 11)

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"
Colossians 1:13, KJV

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" 1 Peter 2:9, KJV

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:" (1 John 1:6)

As the Apostle Paul tells us, we must keep our eyes only upon Jesus Christ, who is the Author and the Finisher of our faith, and not look down at the waves; which can be viewed as being symbolic of the lies and deceptions of Satan. Our eye must be single, and focused upon Jesus, so that we are filled with His spiritual Light, and not with the darkness of demons:

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

"The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness." Luke 11:34-35, KJV

As can be clearly seen by the previous verses, sadly, some people prefer to walk in darkness, rather than come to the Glorious Light of Jesus Christ. They have rejected God, they have rejected His Word, and they have rejected His rule over their lives. Just like the proud Jewish Elders of old, such people are the Children of Rebellion. They are the Children of Disobedience. They are the Children of Deception. They are not the Children of God, but rather the blind Children of Satan, who are currently leading the world into its hour of greatest darkness:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it...He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 8:44, 47)

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry..." (1 Samuel 15:23a)

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" Ephesians 2:2, KJV

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." Ephesians 5:6, KJV

"For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:" Colossians 3:6, KJV

So then, contrary to popular belief, not everyone is a Child of God by physical birth, or even desires to be a Child of God. Some people are the Children of Satan by their very own conscious choice; because every single one of us eventually reaches the age of accountability, where we must choose our path for ourselves. No one else can do that for us. We must all choose between God and Satan. We must choose our master. We must choose between the Light and Darkness.

In the final part of this series, we will explore such topics as a form of godliness, fair show Christians and hypocritical leaders, denying God's Power, secular humanism, the six literal days of Genesis, dividing of the Red Sea, only the covers left, the wide gate to destruction and political correctness, New Age lightworkers, false christs and counterfeit miracles, gain isn't godliness, the abundant life and the snare of riches, deceit and filthy lucre, godliness is contentment, the unpopular and unprofitable Gospel, excuses given for intentional delusion, and into their own pit. I trust that you will join me.

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In describing these Children of the Night, these Children of Rebellion, and how they would be prevalent in the Time of the End, the Apostle Paul made the following interesting comments in his second Epistle to Timothy. These verses are found right before the one in which Paul tells us that evil men and seducers shall wax, or grow, worse and worse:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

Please take note of Paul's final comments and warning in the above Scriptures. He states 'Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away'. What does he mean by 'a form of godliness'? The word 'godliness' finds its origin in the Greek word 'eusebeia' which means holiness godliness, reverence, respect or piety towards God. The word 'denying' is obtained from the Greek word 'arneomai' which means to deny, refuse or reject. Finally, the word 'power' is derived from the Greek word 'dunamis', which means power, mighty work, strength or miracle. If we consider the various meanings of these Greek words, we can arrive at a number of different conclusions concerning what Paul might mean by his statement; and they are things which no sincere Christian can deny are indeed occurring in our modern world.

One possibility is that Paul is saying that in the Endtime, there will be some people who will appear to be 'holy' in the eyes of others; they'll appear to be very godly people. These people will even claim to reverence and love God. They might even put on their best Sunday clothes, and make a fair show of it by fulfilling their 'one hour duty' to God each week, by attending their local church or fellowship. To a person who doesn't possess very much Spiritual Discernment, such people might appear to be the model Christian family. Maybe one is even the organ player, or an altar boy, or in the church choir. God forbid, but perhaps one of them might

even be the priest, pastor or minister of your church! He could also be that famous preacher you see weekly on your television set, or hear daily on your radio.

In short, some of these evil deceivers, some of these 'holy' people, could very well be the most outstanding members of your particular community, who have won the respect of many people. However, regardless of the title they may carry, or the seminary degrees they may possess, it is obvious from the previous verses that this is the furthest thing from the truth. What they may claim to be, and what they really are in their hearts, may be totally different. In their private lives when they are no longer in the public spotlight, they may show a different face altogether. Perhaps they totally reject God's Power and Authority over their lives. Maybe they don't submit themselves to Him in the least, but rather yield themselves to the desires of their flesh; committing things which would surely destroy their public image, were such things to come to light. In short, they are hypocrites, and wolves in sheeps' clothing; who play the deception game, just like the ones that Jesus exposed in the following verses:

"Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." Matthew 23:2,3, KJV

This idea of rejecting or denying God's Power has another interesting interpretation. Notice that the word 'dunamis' also means mighty work, strength or miracle. When these false leaders and false brethren enter the flocks of God, they usually have one very specific goal in mind; and that is to slowly destroy the faith of the Believers. While I have now pointed out quite a few of Satan's subtle devices which they use in order to achieve this objective, there is one tool which I have not yet covered; and that is secular humanism. As I explain in the in-depth series 'John Lennon's Imagine And Secular Humanism', this is an extremely worldly attitude which promotes the wisdom and accomplishments of man above God. As we saw earlier while discussing the true attitude of the servant of the Lord, in the Gospel of John, upon realizing that his ministry was about over, John the Baptist quite humbly said:

"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

Secular humanism does the exact opposite. It de-emphasizes the Might and Power of El Shaddai, the Almighty God, and seeks to uplift man as his own god. Secular humanists are usually in no hurry, and will slowly chisel away at one's faith, by doing such things as offering new interpretations of Biblical events. For example, they will logically suggest that perhaps in the first chapter of Genesis, Moses doesn't really mean that God created the heavens and the Earth in six literal days; after all, that is physically impossible they claim. For a more detailed, Scriptural explanation concerning this topic, allow me to suggest that you read 'Adaptation, EVILution And The Six Days Of Genesis'.

These same 'Doubting Thomases' will also propose that Moses

didn't really divide the Red Sea as the Bible clearly tells us in a number of different places. They would have us to believe that the event never really happened, or else that it was just an unusual natural occurrence due the phase of the Moon, an extremely low tide, and a strong wind from the east. Yes, maybe it happened, they say, but it had nothing to do with the Powerful Hand of God. To deny Moses' account of the dividing of the Red Sea, is not only to call him a liar, but it is also to accuse Joshua, the harlot Rahab, the Levites, King David, the martyr Stephen, and the Apostle Paul of the very same thing, because they all gave testimony to the Power of God during that miraculous event. We have the sure word of at least ten people in the Bible who all uphold this as historical fact, yet these humanists will attempt to convince you otherwise.

In short, as the original Greek words used in the previous verses make clear, these Latter Day antichrists totally reject and deny the Mighty Works and Power of the Lord, through their seemingly logical and scientific approach to understanding the Bible. Because they do not possess the true Spirit of the Living God, and the Wisdom and Spiritual Discernment which is granted by the same, they fail to understand how such miracles can be possible. As the Apostle Paul wrote:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

I am again reminded of the story of how one dear church member's faith in the Word of God was so weakened after so many years of listening to her spiritless, humanist pastor, that all she had left was the covers of her Bible. This was because each time that her pastor would tell her that a verse no longer applied to our current day, or that it had simply been misinterpreted, or that it wasn't found in the Greek or Hebrew text, she would simply cut it out of her Bible. This is precisely what Satan wishes to accomplish through these deceptive, false shepherds. He wants to tear down one's faith in God and in His Word, and build up the wisdom, knowledge and accomplishments of men. If you would like to gain a better understanding of where man's knowledge and science have gotten us, please read such articles as 'Science And Technology: The Forbidden Fruit?'.
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In a more simple interpretation of Paul's prophet words, these people who possess a form of godliness might not even be church members. They could be your average person on the street who offers lip service to God by saying, 'Oh yes; of course I believe in God!'; but that is as far as it goes. Their whole lifestyle totally denies it, as they are living like the Devil. They also deny the Power of God by readily accepting such things as the false theory of EVILution, and abortion, without giving it a second thought. They foolishly

accept the words of the secular humanists without question, and without going to the Bible to see what the Lord really has to say on a particular topic. I wrote all about such people in the article 'Are You Just A Baby Huey?'.

These people belong to the crowd who follow the broad way to destruction, and who enter through the wide gate. While it has never occurred to me before, might it be possible that the reason that this gate is so wide, is because those who pass through it are broad-minded; that is, they are more open-minded and willing to accept a lot of things which we 'narrow-minded' Christians would never accept? While we are single-minded, and single-eyed, they are not. These shallow, foolish people prefer to be politically-correct, rather than to take a stand for the truth and to defend the Word of God. As I explain in 'Are You Clean Every Whit?', they don't know how to keep their eyes in front of them on the Right Path; that is, on Jesus Christ. They allow themselves to become detoured by Satan's snares in the world. Consider these verses:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:15,16, KJV

While what I have explained to you is probably the best interpretation of Paul's words 'having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof', as I thought on these verses, the Lord showed me something even more sinister concerning the deceptions and lying wonders which exist in the world today. As I mentioned earlier in this series, in addition to worldly clergy and theologians who have compromised the Word of God, there is another group of people who also appear to be, or who claim to be godly, saintly, or divinely anointed; and their power definitely does not come from God. They may appear to some people to be true messengers of the New Age Gospel, or bearers of the 'christ light' as they call it, but they are in reality workers of darkness who are only posing as Children of Light; just as we saw a moment ago. In fact, believe it or not, within the New Age community, this is precisely the term that they use to describe themselves; that is, 'lightworkers'! What blasphemy against the true Children of Light!

We have already seen how Jesus Himself warned us to beware of the many false christs and false prophets who will arise in the Last Days. It is important to realize that the word 'christs' does not necessarily mean that such people will specifically claim to be Jesus Christ; although we have seen this on a number of occasions already; such as in the case of Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church, or Moonies as they are commonly known; in the so-called Maitreya Buddha, and in Marshall Applewhite; the now-deceased leader of the suicidal Heaven's Gate UFO cult.

The word 'christ' itself is derived from the Greek word 'khristos'; which means anointed, or the anointed one. In other words, anyone who claims to possess some special power

or anointing, is a 'christ'. One thing is for certain. Jesus tells us that these emissaries of Satan will try to deceive the very Elect by their great signs and lying wonders. Allow me to pose a simple question to you. Have you ever stopped to consider what your personal weaknesses are, and how Satan might try to use them against you in order to deceive you? Really think about this for a moment. How could such a bold deception be accomplished? In actuality, I have already provided you with a clear answer earlier on in this series. In my view, the easiest way to accomplish such a deception, would be by doing something which many Christians normally identify as coming from God; except that it would be a complete counterfeit from the usurper and copycat himself.

In case you haven't already figured it out, I am referring to the many so-called miracles and manifestations which we have heard are occurring within certain churches in both Canada and the United States of America, and possibly in other locations as well. While this may surprise a few of you, I don't doubt that Satan won't hesitate to afflict his own children with some disease, so that he can send along one of his false prophets to heal them. By performing such seemingly convincing lying wonders, more sheep are drawn into his delusion; because, as I explained earlier, they are quote happy with seeing the signs, and don't pay very much attention to the message that is being preached along with the signs. Their faith is in seeing the signs, and not in the Word, because most of them have very little knowledge of the real Word of God.

As if this weren't already enough, as I have also already pointed out, there are quite a number of charlatans who pose as faith healers and travelling miracle workers who easily deceive, ignorant would-be believers. The point I wish to stress here, is that, based upon the actual meaning of the word, all of these false miracle workers are in fact false christs; because they claim to have a special anointing from God, when many of them really don't possess any such thing.

One might ask what motivates these deceivers to stoop so low so as to be willing to do these things. It is obvious that some of them do it because it is an easy source of financial gain. In other words, there is an easy market to be found in those people who are so naive in heart, and so ignorant of the Scriptures, that they are more than willing to dig into their pockets and pay for these deceptive sideshows; even though it is totally contrary to the advice found in the Scriptures, such as the following:

"Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

1 Timothy 6:5-10, KJV

Notice that Paul specifically says 'supposing that gain is godliness'. We know that he is referring to monetary gain by the content of the rest of the verses. Isn't that amazing? I had never concentrated on those words before. The Lord is so faithful to show me new things when I need them. Isn't that precisely the woeful attitude of some Christian shepherds today, who preach the false doctrine of 'the abundant life'? What liars and deceivers! I recall one story which came to my attention a while ago, where one particular preacher was so proud, and so convinced that God had made him rich, that during a particular sermon to his congregation, he held up his wife's hand in order to show everyone the big wedding ring on her finger. He then told his congregation that this is what God wanted to do for them as well. Just as Paul states in these verses, this fool is convinced that gain is godliness. He is convinced that God has blessed him with such material wealth; even though it is totally contrary to everything we find in the Scriptures; beginning with the Lord's own words:

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21, KJV

"...Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Matthew 19:23,24, KJV

"...Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!" Mark 10:24b, KJV

"And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away." 1 Corinthians 7:31, KJV

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." James 5:1-7, KJV

Now, that is the kind of Biblical truth that one finds when he really searches the Scriptures as he is commanded to do, instead of relying upon the evil lies spewed forth by these false, money-minded shepherds, who will stoop to anything to rob their flocks, in order to fill their own bellies. May God rightfully judge every single one of them! They anger me

so! They are supposed to be feeding the Lord's flocks with the sincere milk of His Word, and not selfishly taking from them. They are not to be lords over God's sheep, who put on deceptive sideshows for filthy lucre's sake. Here are a few more verses for your consideration:

"Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;...Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;" 1 Timothy 3:3, 8, KJV

"For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;...Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake." Titus 1:7, 11, KJV

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" 1 Peter 5:2, KJV

Notice that in his Epistle to Titus, Paul specifically says 'teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake'. That is precisely what these liars and false leaders of organized religion do. They teach false doctrine. They teach 'the abundant life'. They teach political-correctness. They teach secular humanism. They teach societal conformity. They teach things that tickle the ears, which don't make their congregations uncomfortable or upset; and as we saw earlier, the people love to have it so. They delight in paying these preachers big salaries so that they will lull them to sleep, because they don't want to hear the truth. They don't want to be told that they are sinners, and that God is not happy with their selfish living. They are the deceivers and the deceived. Allow me to remind you again of a few verses I shared earlier in this series:

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jeremiah 5:31, KJV

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" 2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

So you see, exactly as the Apostle Paul wrote in his Epistle to his beloved son in the faith, Timothy, the love of money is indeed the root of all evil; and it is because these false shepherds and false miracle workers have coveted after it, that they have truly 'erred from the faith'. Rather than say something which might offend their congregations, these weak shepherds preach a watered-down Gospel, and they sell hundreds of books, videos and cassette tapes which are not overly offensive to anyone. In fact, they contain a lot of false deceptive doctrine which is passed off as being truth. They have compromised the truth of God's Word in order to continue earning a decent income. They have erred from the

faith.

Now let's go back for a minute to Paul's words regarding those who preach the false message of 'the abundant life', who claim that 'gain is godliness'. Exactly how does Paul counter this? First of all, concerning these deceivers, he says 'from such withdraw thyself'. In other words, just as we saw in part one, Paul is stating that these religious deceivers are false brethren, who are preaching a false Gospel; so we are to have absolutely nothing to do with them. We are to avoid them. If we don't do this, then as John also wrote, we are partakers of their sins.

Paul then goes on to say 'But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content'. In short, Paul is stating quite clearly that instead of preaching that gain, or material wealth, is godliness, meaning that it is a part of God's blessings in one's life, these false teachers and ear-ticklers should be preaching that true godliness is being content with whatever we have, because we can't take it with us anyway. He teaches the very same thing in his Epistle to the Church at Philippi, where he writes:

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."
Philippians 4:11, KJV

Now that is the true Gospel of Jesus Christ; and you won't find the Roman Catholic Church preaching it; or the famous radio and television preachers teaching it, or some of those smooth-talking Protestant and Southern Baptist preachers, or the Jehovah's Witnesses who especially take pride in their work, or the rich Mormons with their gold-filled Temples, or any of the other false modern religions. It is an unpopular message, and people simply don't want to hear it. If those preachers were to start preaching this kind of a message, that says that their people should forsake their wealth, and share it all in Christian love with the poor, as I said a moment ago, those preachers would soon find themselves without a job!

Let me tell you, I have been to some of those southern churches with their all-white, rich congregations. Some of their members are the leaders of the towns and cities in which they live. They run the local government, and operate many of the businesses. They are not about to give it all up in order to live a more simple, godly life without their material abundance and personal convenience. Just like the church of Laodicea, they have become so spiritually blind, due to the abundance of their riches, that they can't begin to see how far they have drifted away from God. As we saw earlier, they say with their lips that they believe, but their hearts are far from Him. They preach another Jesus, and another Gospel; and certainly not the one that I know, because they certainly aren't preaching His true message, as we have now seen.

Another reason why some of these deceivers perform their lying wonders, such as fake healings, is to increase the

size of their congregation; which is also directly related to increasing the amount of their tithes. In their delusion, other false miracle workers insist that such subtle acts of deception are necessary in order to increase their people's faith in God. It supposedly helps people along in their walk with the Lord. Isn't that ridiculous? Since when does the Lord tell His children that they are to purposely lie to and deceive people in order to help them to believe in Him? I have absolutely no doubt that God does not require any kind of human help if He wants to make His presence known to a particular person, or to a group of people.

Some of these deceivers simply like the prestige and the attention such lying wonders provide for them. This seems to be particularly true with those involved in the 'slain in the spirit' movement. These so-called 'men of God' obviously experience a boost in their pride and ego when their members start keeling over and falling backwards due to a touch of their hand. It is a lie; it is a deception; and it is not of God! May the Lord harshly judge every single one of them! God doesn't need to put on circus sideshows for the true Believers, because we believe by faith alone!

Some of these other false shepherds do it in order to entice the innocent, and the naive of heart into joining their cult so that they can fill their minds and hearts with all of their lies and false doctrines. Of course, the added income sure doesn't hurt either. As we saw in the section regarding the occult, the primary motivation in some of these cases of intentional delusion, is simply personal power and control. Some people simply thrive on the fact that they possess a certain degree of authority and control over the lives of others. They are power-mongers.

One thing is for certain; as we have already seen, in God's chosen time, all of the Children of Darkness who perform these deceptive works, will eventually fall into the pit of their own making. They will finally reap what they have sown, and none of their powers or demons will be able to save them then. Consider the following verses:

"He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made." (Psalms 7:15)

"The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken." (Psalms 9:15)

"They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah." (Psalms 57:6)

"That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked." (Psalms 94:13)

"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him." (Proverbs 26:27)

"Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession." (Proverbs 28:10)

"He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."
(Ecclesiastes 10:8)

"Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." (Isaiah 14:15)

In the Old Testament, depending upon its usage, this word 'pit' is derived from four Hebrew words. The first is 'bowr' which means dungeon; the second is 'shachath' which means pit, destruction or grave; the third one is 'pachath' which means pit, hole or snare, and the final one is 'sheol' which means grave, underworld, or hell. While we must all face the eventuality of death and the grave, the description of some of these places doesn't sound very inviting! In the New Testament, as I explain in the article 'Hell And The Lake Of Fire', we find the Greek parallel to these words in 'hades', 'ghehenna', and 'tartaros'. But there are two other places which those who participate in these works of darkness, may want to know about. One is called the Bottomless Pit, from which Apollyon, the Angel of Destruction arises, and into which Satan is cast for a thousand years during the coming Millennium:

"And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."
(Revelation 9:11)

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." (Revelation 20:1-3)

Last of all, there is a fiery place of destruction which is commonly referred to as the Lake of Fire; into which all of the most rebellious and incorrigible followers of the Beast and the False Prophet, and other assorted wicked persons will be cast, unless they repent soon! At that time, I have serious doubt that any of their humanistic views, or their spirit helpers, 'Ascended Masters', alien 'Space Brothers' or anyone else will be able to help them then. The Lake of Fire is the end of the line; and it is there that they will suffer the Second Death; precisely as I explained earlier in this series:

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."
(Revelation 20:14-15)

With these thoughts, we have now come full circle in our expose on the lying wonders of the Endtime. We began with a discussion on the so-called Medjugorje 'visionaries', and we have ended with a final look at the deception within modern Christianity. We have seen that this delusion is not limited to one area of the world, or to one specific culture, or to

one specific religion, but rather that its dark shadow truly pervades every part of our modern society. From Endtime prophetic events, to international politics, to science and medicine, to the modern education system, to economics, to religion, to foreign relations, our entire society is sick with this dark disease of deception and delusion. Truly, the gross spiritual darkness prophesied by Isaiah over twenty-seven hundred years ago, is coming upon us in every way, shape and form; and only the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can truly set men free; for as Jesus said:

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:32, 36, KJV

"...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6b, KJV

With this series, I have now given you the information that you need in order to make a wise decision. Now you must ask yourself; does your current faith or belief system point you directly to Jesus Christ alone for your Salvation; or does it point you to Mary, the Saints and the Catholic Church; or perhaps to aliens, UFO's and the 'Space Brothers'; or to Muhammad; or to Confucius; or to Buddha; or to Krishna; or to Maitreya; or to Sai Baba; or to Reverend Moon; or to Joseph Smith; or to some other modern-day false prophet or guru?

Do you quote directly from the Word of God, or from the works of these other people? If your choice isn't Jesus, then you are in trouble and you need to change your course as quickly as possible. If you don't, then as I have clearly explained in this series, in God's appointed time, any works which you have built upon your false foundation will be burned, and you will be left with absolutely nothing. If you have not already made the wise choice to accept Jesus Christ, then I truly hope that you will do so today. Only He can set you free, for as He also said:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," Luke 4:18, KJV

May God bless and keep you as you follow the Light of His Eternal Word. I pray that this series has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life.

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