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Revelation 12:15-16

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Introduction

Throughout the Bible it records much about warfare, both natural and spiritual. Since the Garden of Eden, warfare has plagued humanity. Man has been attacking man and Satan has been attacking man. Both of these are due to the fallen nature of man and his susceptibility to the influence of Satan. Now in these last days the attack against the Church is at an unprecedented level. Satan knows that his time is short and he is launching every weapon that he can to come against true Christians in this hour. False doctrines, the spirits of the age, humanism, liberalism, and many other spirits are finding their way into the church as described in Matthew 24. Even in spite of this clear and obvious warning, most will fall prey to these deceptions. But God is raising a standard in the earth against such evil and it is coming through a people, a remnant, that are willing to become soldiers of God, and stand up and fight the good fight of faith.

The book that you are holding in your hands was first published in 1981. It outlines some of the deceptions that are being sown in the church in these last days. There is not only the direct attack from without, but Satan has planted great deceptions from within in order to corrupt and destroy the church. But the true army of God - the true sons of God - are hearing the clarion call to come out of her, to arm themselves,

and to prepare for the great and terrible day of the Lord. Nothing can stand against the army of God... NOTHING.

May you be blessed, strengthened, and equipped as you read.

God bless you my fellow warrior, Brother Gary Sonmore



he reason why it was absolutely necessary to have the book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, written by John the apostle is because it is the history of the church and the world in prophecy. If this is true, then the church as Israel (the Israel of God) and the state of

Israel as Jacob, must at this time be signposts pointing to the end of all things.

In the Old Testament, the state of Israel which was created of God when He called and commissioned Abraham, was a type of the church. Every Bible student will agree that the history of Israel in the Old Testament is the history of the present day church.

I believe that this relationship between the history of Israel and the church did not cease with the Old Testament but is a reality today.

In 1973, while the state of Israel was being surrounded by the armies of the Arab nations, I had one of those rare visions where God would speak to me in an audible voice while I was awake. The Lord showed me a blackboard and He drew a large fruit looking like a melon with a long hard seed in the center. He then

said, "Israel is compassed with armies." Immediately, flying insects attacked the fruit from all sides and destroyed the outer skin leaving the bare pulp. There was a second attack which destroyed the pulp leaving the bare seed. Then there was a third attack upon the seed itself, but instead of piercing it, the attack only served to polish it and make it brilliant. The Lord spoke again, this time with a voice of deep satisfaction, "They will never breach My elect." I was delighted at this revelation, but there was a question in my mind which I so desperately wanted to know: "Lord, do You mean Israel the nation or Israel the church?" No answer.

Having had to deal with the Lord for so many years, I developed the understanding that a "no answer" sometimes means, "I have told you already, you do know the answer." Reaching back then into my understanding, I remembered that God does not recognize two churches or two Israels, but that we are all His sheep, yet maybe different folds.

John 14:1-3, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Many mansions would seem to suggest that we all who believe in God have a place prepared in Him through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The suffering of Israel in the natural is only a forerunner of the suffering which is on the church in the Spirit.

The attack of the church then, is similar to the attack on Israel. The isolation of Israel in the world is also the same isolation of the true church. Even Israel's impossible position in the Arab world and the claim of the Arabs and Jews alike for the same lands is part of the same spiritual position of the church.

I am of the opinion that Satan is now desperate. No matter how dumb he is at this time, he must realize that he cannot win. The children of God are maturing and one of the signs of maturity is that we are not tossed about by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14).

THE NATURE OF THE ATTACK

The nature of the attack upon the church is aptly described in Revelation 12:15-16, And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. ¹⁶And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

The serpent, of course, is Satan. The other key words in arriving at the meaning of this passage are his mouth, flood, and woman. A flood is an unclean, uncontrolled rushing of waters. The word *mouth* would refer to *speech or preaching*. Woman, of

course, is the church. The meaning then is that Satan would be sending forth a flood of false doctrines upon the church at a certain time in order to drown her and to engulf her. The next verse says that the earth helped the woman, which means that earth, carnal humanity, swallowed up the false doctrines thus defeating the purpose of the enemy.

THE TWO WINGS

In verse 14 of Revelation 12 we are told that the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle. The two wings speak of power to soar and we are told in Exodus 19:4 that Christ bore Israel on eagles' wings and brought them out of Egypt. Without going into the details of this word, let me say that at the appropriate moment God is going to give the church (the woman) an anointing which will lift her above the carnal realm and out of Satan's jurisdiction.

HERESIES AMONG US

Because I expect that some of us will not take the poison that is going forth, and also because I know that you need the Word of the Lord to help you overcome the heresies of today, I will here mention some of the doctrines which are attacking the church at this time. Before I do this, however, let me give you a few scriptures which will clearly show that at this time the danger of false teachings is grave.

I Timothy 4:1-3, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ²Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; ³Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

This passage pinpoints the time in the latter times, when these things should take place; not just as isolated cases, but generally. Again it shows that the work of seducing spirits in our midst would increase because of men giving heed to the seducing spirits.

II Timothy 3:1-5, This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: <u>from such</u> turn away.

Here again this passage points to the time, the last days, when there would be grave peril to the church. This reference of the last days is speaking of the time near to the coming of the Lord Jesus. Our gravest trouble at this time is not from the sinners, but from those in our midst who have a form of godli-

ness and are preaching the Word of the Lord.

There is a veiled but very pointed warning in the Old Testament concerning <u>eating</u> in the natural, directed to the Jews, but when understood in the Spirit, takes on massive proportions. In Leviticus 11 God warns the children of Israel about the clean and the unclean animals. They could know the clean animals by three basic points:

CHEWING THE CUD CLOVEN HOOF PARTED HOOFS

CHEWING THE CUD has to do with the talk of a person or his preaching.

CLOVEN HOOFS has to do with the feet being shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

PARTED HOOF means one walking in the balance of the Spirit and the Word.

Jesus Christ said, "<u>Eat me</u>." Many of His disciples left him at that point, because they did not know that He was depicting Himself as the clean animal to be eaten by the priest (John 6:53). When we listen to a preacher who speaks the right things but does not walk in them, we are eating unclean food in our souls; he is an unclean animal, like the rabbit, who talks the talk but does not walk the walk.

This same passage in Leviticus goes on to talk about the fish in the waters which propel themselves by fins as against those which wiggle along like serpents. It goes on to tell of birds that fly above earth, which again speaks of Christians who are not carnal people, yet among them there are the clean and the unclean. For further explanation of this see *The Pattern*, pages 83-95. (This is also published by us.)

Let us not spend any more time on preambles but go directly to the matter of the false doctrines which are attacking the church.

SLANDER

I am mentioning this as a heresy because it causes more damage than any heresy. It is one of the sharpest instruments of Satan against the church. If your heart is right with God, you cannot entertain slander against any of God's children.

In the event of slander, I would advise you to use the sharp tool of Matthew 18:15-17, Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. ¹⁶But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. ¹⁷And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Do not allow yourself to be a garbage bin. If you are given news and information against a brother or sister, do something about it, don't sit on it and destroy your fellowship with that person or persons

without speaking to them about it.

DID GOD MAKE THE DEVIL?

God has made us free moral agents and endowed us with His Spirit which teaches us the nature of God in relation to particular doctrines. I do not know that this doctrine is helping any of the children of God to live a better life or to be prepared for the coming of the Lord, BUT on the other hand I have known some whose faith has been overthrown by it. In other words, I am saying that the doctrine can kill since it has to deal with the knowledge of God which will affect the believer's behavior.

The proper beginning in finding an answer to this question is an unbiased examination of all the scriptures pertaining to the manner. Sometimes we preachers, in our anxiety to preach a certain doctrine, forget our responsibility to the people and only present the scriptures which seem to agree with our concept, but I will attempt to give a good cross-section of the scriptures on the subject.

Let us go to the beginning of our present world order, when God created and made the things we see around us:

Genesis 1:31, And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

The understanding of this scripture is that God made all things good. The animal kingdom, the vegetable kingdom, and man, the crowning point of His

work, were all good. The word *GOOD* is a derivative of GOD, which would suggest that God made these things to function according to His nature of goodness. Everything therefore that God has made, in its proper function will please God.

GOD CANNOT MAKE EVIL

If we take the passage in the Hebrew as it is rendered, the suggestion is that not just the animals, the plants, and man were made good, but that all God's works are good and that it is blaspheme to ascribe evil to a GOOD GOD. Evil is alien to the nature of God and there is no point in the scheme of things where God and evil can work together. Light and darkness cannot dwell in the same place; one is contrary to the other. To further elucidate this point, let me give you a few Hebrew words: The word good is represented by three sounds - T, ow, and B. These are pronounced tobe (H02896). The word for Jehovah (or one of the words used for Jehovah) is Yah. In our language, we write the Hebrew Yah as Je, or Ja; therefore the word - Tobe-yah would mean Good-God, or God the Good One. We find this word in many places in scripture. One of these is in Exodus 33:19 speaking of all the goodness of God passing before Moses. THE WORDS GOD AND GOODNESS ARE SYNONY-MOUS AND CANNOT BE SEPARATED. Moreover, there is an absoluteness about the relationship between God and the word good. God is all good, absolutely

good.

I John 1:5, God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

James 1:17, 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.

Partial light or partial goodness cannot be associated with God. It is very important for those who want to know God to understand this point of the absoluteness of the characteristics of our God: Love, all love, no hate; Light, all light, no shadow, just absolute light; Good, not evil, just absolutely good.

The understanding of this then is that God is all good and cannot make anything contrary to His own nature. GOD CANNOT MAKE EVIL.

Before we go into the reasons for the existence of evil we need to give other scriptures which are sometimes commonly used to prove that God made evil. The first scripture will be Isaiah 45:7, I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

The word *make* in the Hebrew is aw - saw and one of the meanings is to form something with your own hands, which is the specific meaning in this passage. In the reference in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the number is 6213. Forgive me going through these details, but the people who are preaching these false doctrines need these kinds of details and I am sure this will help them. The mean-

ing is clearly stated in other scriptures with the same reference number, which means they are the same word in the Hebrew. Isaiah 2:8 states, *Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.*

Isaiah 17:8, And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands neither respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves or the images.

Let us see then if we can understand what the passage is saying. I form the light and CREATE darkness, I MAKE peace and create evil.

You will notice that the things which God says He formed are the things which agree with His nature as also the things He said He made. LIGHT, PEACE.

The things which God said He *CREATES* are negative.

THE ANSWER

Here is then the answer to the scripture: Our good and loving God made all the beautiful and good things, but this very act automatically creates an opposite pole. For example if you MAKE light, then the absence of light must be darkness; if you MAKE good, the absence of good must be evil; if you MAKE a wall in the middle of a room, then you automatically create two rooms. God did not make evil, He made good and by so doing He created evil.

Some of the skeptics of this truth say that if an Almighty God made good and thus created evil, would not He be just as responsible as if He had made evil.

The answer to those who are spiritual is – NO! The reason is that God desires to have sons, and the nature of God is based on FREEDOM. God does not have prisoners, neither is He interested in having robots doing His will. In view of these facts, He sets His creation FREE even to the point of rebellion against Himself. In the final analysis, all those who desire to be sons of God will make it and all those who desire to be devils will become demons.

Because those who trouble our souls with false teachings spare no pains in quoting scriptures to deceive, I must at least mention one more scripture that is commonly used before we go on to other things.

Isaiah 18:9, Behold I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

In this context, this passage in Isaiah is referring to the smith who makes the sword and the soldier who uses the sword to destroy human life. This passage was not referring to the devil. If, however, some persons would like to use it in that sense, it is not wholly unacceptable, since whether you are speaking of a small destroyer or a large destroyer, it could probably be permissible. However, please remember that when some people desire to make a point they do not acquaint their readers with the difference that context sometimes make.

I want you to notice that the same word, create, is used in the above passage, both for the smith who

bloweth the coals and for the waster. God only made two men – Adam and Jesus Christ our Lord; the rest of us were created in Adam and some recreated in Christ.

Let us go on to other scriptures and find other references on the subject so that we might be abundantly sure that our good God did not make a bad devil. The question asked by the proponents of this doctrine is, "Who made the devil?" We must therefore go to the Scriptures to find a suitable answer which will satisfy the Holy Spirit within us. We must not accept that which is pleasing to the eyes of the mind until we feel an inner satisfaction that the Holy Spirit within us is satisfied. We will now consider Isaiah 14 and begin with verse four:

4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the King of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased, the golden city ceased.

6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continuous stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger is persecuted, and none hindereth.

7 The whole earth is at rest and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

In verse 4 we see the prophet directing his word to the king of Babylon. Prophetically we know that God did not put this in the Bible and hand it down to us to give us an insight into history which is past and gone and dead, unless of course He is speaking of a greater king than the king of Babylon and it is pointing us to the happenings of the end time. The

words *Babylon, Egypt, Assyria,* etc. are also used in scripture to speak of spiritual powers. Let me give you an example:

Revelation 11:8, 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.

The last phrase where also our Lord was crucified tells us that it must be the spiritual name of a place since Sodom is no more and Egypt never was a city. It takes a certain spiritual sense given of God to understand the scriptures. Sodom speaks of homosexuality and Egypt is symbolic of sin and bondage.

Satan is the king of Babylon. The ancient kingdom of Babylon died, but the devils that ruled Babylon still rule the kingdoms of this world today. From this understanding we can see that the message of the prophet Isaiah was not just directed to Israel about the king of the natural city of Babylon, but to us concerning Satan, the devil, of whom the king of Babylon was only a type. Again, in the same way we could have used the word *waster* to mean not just the human waster but the great waster, so also we can use this word *oppressor* to mean the devil, Satan himself.

Isaiah 14:12-14, How art thou fallen from heaven O, Heylel (Lucifer is a misnomer incorporated into scripture by some Roman), son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the con-

gregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

The first point to be observed here is that in the original scriptures there is no Latin word in the middle of the Hebrew text. When these words were written there was no such language as the Latin tongue. It would be impossible for God to suddenly deviate from the Hebrew in which the prophet was writing and give him a Latin word, and even less likely the name of a Roman god. The ROMANS WORSHIP LUCIFER, the morning star, since they are Saturnalians and do worship the heavenly bodies. Let us, therefore, change our King James Bibles to read *HEYLEL* instead of Lucifer. Heylel means praiser and bright one.

In the passage from Isaiah 14 we find reference made to the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north (verse 13). We find a cross reference to this scripture in Psalm 48:2, Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Zion is always referred to in type as the stronghold of God, God's elite or, in other words, His elect. God wants to make His throne in our hearts, and this is where Satan also wants to make His throne; this is where Satan also wants to reign and rule. In this case I am sure you will agree with me, that Satan is already defeated.

We notice that the scripture describes Satan as a being with evil characteristics. He is NOT AN INFLU-

ENCE or the figment of man's imagination. Let us get some scriptures to prove these points:

Luke 4:1-13, And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. ³And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. 4And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. ⁵And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And 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. ⁷If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. 8And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ⁹And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: ¹⁰For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: 11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. ¹²And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. ¹³And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

The devil talked to Jesus and it is recorded in Luke 4:1-13. You will notice here that Jesus was not speaking to Himself, moreover there was no sin in Jesus and there was nothing in Him for Satan to tempt, or any lust by which He (Jesus) could be enticed. The scripture records that Jesus said *The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me* (John 14:30).

Let me refer you to another scripture on this point which will fully vindicate the position:

John 8:44, 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.

This is Jesus' testimony of Satan and we had better pay keen attention to it. Jesus said Satan was a murderer and a liar from the beginning. Whenever we read a word like the word beginning it is reasonable for one to ask "Beginning of what?" In this case, Jesus was speaking of the beginning of Satan. For an idea of the beginning of Satan we only have to read the rest of the sentence – and abode not in the truth. The word abode not tells us that he was once in the truth. One cannot abide in something he never was in. Thus, we see clearly that the angel Heylel who was in the second heaven with Michael and Gabriel (this thought will be proven by scripture further on in this message) deliberately, willfully, and knowledgeably, stepped down from his high calling as one of the

sons of light and chose to be king of darkness. We can safely conclude that the beginning of Satan was the end of the angel Heylel.

Satan went to Eve in the Garden of Eden and said to her, ...you will be like God. In Isaiah 14 we have just read where he said, ...I will be like the Most High. Satan's intention to be like God and his subsequent fall all happened long before man was made. As a point of fact, one of the reasons for his fall is that he wanted to be commissioned to reign over the elect of God's people even before they were made. This position, of course, was reserved for Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. His words in Isaiah 14:13 (last clause), I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north, was in effect saying that he was threatening God that he would take Zion (God's stronghold) and reign over them.

This point makes it absolutely important for Christians to make Jesus King in their lives. not just Savior but King.

In Luke chapter 4:5-7, And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And 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. ⁷If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

The first question is: What did Satan show Jesus? The scripture says the *kingdoms of the world*. It was not possible in the natural to see the kingdoms of the

world from a mountain top, therefore we must conclude that it was the spiritual kingdoms which he showed Jesus. Secondly, Jesus would not be interested in the natural kingdoms of this world since He said, My kingdom is not of this world. Therefore, the spiritual kingdom would be the hearts of men. Before man was made, Satan had posted that he would take the elect of God. Now that Jesus had come, he was anxious to prove his point since he knew that Jesus had come to take the kingdom away from him. Of course, you know the result of that encounter; Satan lost.

There is a third point we need to take note of, that Satan said that the power and the glory of the kingdoms of the world were delivered unto him and to whomsoever he would give it to. God gave Adam dominion over the world. When he lost the battle with Satan, he also lost the dominion and the power he had. In John 17:5 and 22, Jesus spoke with the Father of the glory which They had from before the world was and then He told the Father that He was giving that power to the twelve apostles. We, the obedient children of God through Jesus Christ, have been given the power and the glory.

Matthew 6:13, For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever, amen.

Matthew 28:18, And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Satan said the power and glory of the kingdoms

of the world were given unto him. Here Jesus is saying ALL POWER is given unto Him. Power was given unto Satan by Adam, but ALL POWER is given unto Jesus by God. Jesus Christ our Lord turned around and gave the power to us and said, *Go preach the Gospel...* Praise be to God.

THE END OF PART 1



n part one of this book, I stated that I would explain from the Scripture the idea suggested, that the angel Heylel was in the second realm of heaven with Michael and Gabriel. The following scripture will give us some light on the subject:

Ezekiel 28:14, Thou

art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."

The stones of fire refer to the bright angels of light which occupy the realm of heaven nearest to God. The domain of the Father would be the highest heaven, then the next realm where the princes of heaven dwell would be the second heaven. The scriptures, however, go on a little further in explaining the matter:

Ezekiel 28:1, ... Therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee O covering cherub from the midst of the STONES OF FIRE.

ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION

Ultimate reconciliation as a doctrine of Modernism teaches that all men will be saved eventually. Some proponents of this teaching even teach that Satan and all his hosts of fallen angels and demons will eventually be saved. They teach that hell is not eternal, that it will burn for a time, sin will be burnt out of the devils and evil men and they will be made clean and fit for heaven, no matter how many eons it will take.

This doctrine was formulated in hell, therefore it is all dressed up to look like truth. It appeals a lot to intellectuals and those who will want to apply logic to scripture.

Modernism is built upon mostly one word. This word *aionios* which is translated in some places *for an age*, means *eternal* or, *everlasting* or, *time without end*. The reconciliationists contend that this word means for a time – and so they say that hell will only be for a time.

Without going too far into the depths of this heresy, I will just simply show you the word occurring as an adjective before the word God – eternal God; this for sure could not mean for a time. It occurs before salvation – eternal salvation; surely my salvation is not for a time. Eternal life; again, this is the most sturdy promise of the doctrine of salvation. Let me give you the scriptures for these:

I Timothy 1:17, Now unto the King eternal

(aionon), immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever (aionas ton aionan)."

Romans 16:26, But now is made manifest and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the <u>everlasting God</u>, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.

Luke 1:33, And he shall reign over the house of Jacob <u>for ever</u>; of his kingdom there shall be no end.

John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have <u>everlasting life</u>.

In the examples, which we are about to give, the word <u>aionios</u> is used to mean some duration of time but not eternal:

Romans 16:25, Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began (aioniois).

This is an example of the word *aionios* used to denote time unknown in the past.

Here is another example of an event in the past (we know not when), where the word *aionios* is used without the meaning of everlasting.

II Timothy 1:9, Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus <u>before the world began</u>.

Just by reading these scriptures we can see the

folly of forming a doctrine on the word *aionios*, and to say that it means for a time only, thus implying that all men will be saved.

CAN SPIRITS BE SAVED?

Without going too deeply into the doctrine of spirits or into demonology, let us look into the reason for spirits being lost in the first place in order to find out God's plan for them and whether they can be saved or not. The doctrine of reconciliation states that all things will return to their former condition and that even the devil will return to heaven. Let us see in the scriptures if there is any foundation for this thought, and if there are any scriptures that would go against this idea:

II Corinthians 5:18-19, And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

It is very important that we take note of the fact that God is reconciling the world, reconciling us, and that we have been given salvation in Jesus Christ and the gospel of reconciliation. Angels fell before men, yet there was no provision for redeeming angels. Everything in the above scripture abundantly points to the extensive provision of God to save man. Why?

Let us look in the scripture and see if there is a light on the subject.

Philippians 2:10, That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of heavenly beings, and earthly beings, and infernal beings.

No one should use this scripture to mean reconciliation for devils will bow before the power of Christ and recognize Him without being reconciled as it was in the case of the demoniac of Gadara who cried out, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? They were subdued and not reconciled. Jude 5-6, I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

This passage speaks for itself – angels who fell from their first estate are bound in darkness to be judged and cast into eternal fire. This passage is therefore saying that angels will not be saved. Let us read from another scripture:

Revelation 20:10, 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 forever and ever.

Revelation 20:14-15, And death and hell <u>were</u> cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life

was cast into the lake of fire.

The question the reconciliationists ask is, how could a loving God condemn men and angels to everlasting punishment?

The answer is simple and without sophistication. God does not condemn anyone to hell – sin, which is contrary to the nature of God, forbids anyone from dwelling in the presence of God. Here is a scripture which adequately clears up this matter:

John 3:19, And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

A being who wants darkness cannot exist in light. Light would be grievous, painful and destructive to him. The angel that was the bright one in heaven cannot now stand light.

God sent Jesus Christ, our Lord, to save humanity because we fell from a position of weakness. Adam gave up his position because he was beaten. Since then, all men were born in sin and shaped in iniquity and did not have a choice. Jesus Christ now gives us this choice; therefore, through Him we not only have salvation, but the power to choose light or darkness.

Angels cannot be saved because they were never in a position of weakness as was mankind. God had provided sanctuaries for them and they could not fall in the sense that Adam fell. They had to choose. They had knowledge and every power that God can give to prevent one from falling. Therefore they, knowing the consequences, willfully and deliberately

kept not their first estate.

In closing this chapter, let me give you one more scripture which shows that they deliberately destroyed their sanctuaries:

Ezekiel 28:18, Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thy iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic.

We will continue in our next chapter with some of the heresies which are oppressing the Church.

THE END OF PART 2



IS CHRISTMAS OF GOD OR OF MEN?

It is the perfect will of God that His children grow up in grace and in the nature and knowledge of the Son of God into His perfect image. Everything therefore, which is of the world and of man's imagination serves to

detract from that growth. The modern Christian is crowded with all manner of Satanic and man made hindrances, which like *little foxes they destroy the vine* (Song of Solomon 2:15) and make his life unfruitful to God though fruitful in thrills and fun and carnality.

One of these distractions is <u>Christmas</u>. I sometimes wonder if Jesus Christ should return on Christmas Eve night or Christmas day how many Christians would be caught off guard.

THE ORGIN OF CHRISTMAS

The word *Christmas* comes from two Latin words *Christe Masse* - Feast day of the Christ or Sacrament of Christ. The word *Mass* is a Roman Catholic celebration of the Eucharist or the Communion ordi-

nance.

It was originally instituted by Pope Liberius of Rome in the year 354 A.D. and gradually gained popularity among the churches and the heathen. The reason for the latter is as obvious as the former was ridiculous.

The celebration which was named the mass of Christ was not a mass at all in the true Roman Catholic sense. By order of the Pope himself it took the form of the heathen age old celebrations which can be traced back to Babylon. The Winter Solstice occurs around December 22, at which time all the Pagan societies paid particular homage to their god, Saturn. This time of worship was called the Saturnalia. The god Saturn was also called Bacchus, the god of wine, therefore it was a time of much drinking and merrymaking. In our modern society it is still a custom to say *Merry Christmas* to each other.

By this time in history (354 A.D.), the church had already put aside the personal conversion by faith in Jesus Christ and in its place was instituted the joining of the church thus accepting the pope as the head, not Jesus Christ. In return, the church instituted all the feast days of the heathen and consecrated the pagan rites into a mass.

One of the chief facts about the observance of Christmas is that since it was designated in the year 354 A.D. by Rome, the Apostles and the early church did not observe any such day and there is no reference in the Bible concerning Christmas.

CONTRARY TO CHRISTIAN TEACHING

We agree that there is nothing for Christmas in the Bible, but the question is often asked, "Is there anything against it?"

Galatians 4:9-11, But now, after ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? 10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. 111 am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain.

This scripture speaks for itself: to be in bondage to Christmas or to be keeping any day would be to turn back to the beggarly elements.

IS IT WRONG FOR A BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN?

The question arises in the Christian mind, "Do I displease the Lord if I keep Christmas as the tradition of my family has handed down to me over the years?

To adequately and sincerely answer this question, one must look deeply into the subject and understand the meaning of the pagan rites which we have inherited as tradition.

Let us first take the Christmas tree which is by far the most popular tradition that we keep. This was so much a part of the heathen worship that the prophet Jeremiah brought a word of the Lord against it.

Jeremiah 10:2-4, Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. 3For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. 4They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

One of the chief points brought out by this scripture is that the heathen had this practice long before Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea and that God warned us against learning the ways of the heathen. Let us look into what these practices of the heathen were pertaining to in our present day observation of Christmas.

The 25th day of December has long been celebrated in Babylon as the birthday of the son of the Queen of Heaven or the Madonna. In order, therefore, to attract the heathen to Christianity, the church used this date for the birth of Jesus Christ. Many things had to be changed to accommodate this idea and the church proceeded to institute these changes, with the exception of the scripture. To complete this cover-up, the Bible had to be hidden from popular reading and, in fact, not many persons could read in those days.

Let us examine what the Bible has to say about the birth of Jesus.

In Matthew chapter 2 we read of three wise men from the east following a star that seemed to be guiding them to the birthplace of Jesus by a mysterious ray of light which was shining directly down upon the manger where Jesus was born.

Matthew 2:11, And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

The rest of the story is recorded in Luke. How did Mary get to Bethlehem of Judea and find herself in a stable? God uses the natural man and his ways to bring to pass His purposes.

Luke 2:1-16, And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ²(And this taxina was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the alory of the Lord shone round about them: and they ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, were sore afraid.

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

In this scripture, we find some keys pertaining to the time of the birth of Jesus. First, wise men were traveling from the east; then, Mary and Joseph were traveling to pay their taxes, and of course, taxation was normally done in the summer or spring, but never in winter; then, there was the empty manger where Mary had her baby – again if it were winter, the manger would not be empty since the rainy season begins in October and it would be the custom of the shepherds to bring their flocks in before then. The next point concerns the shepherds: they could not be in the field in the winter as I understand it is pretty cold in the hills of Bethlehem.

From these and other keys in scripture it is appar-

ent that Jesus was not born on the 25th of December and that it is not the will of God that His people should celebrate the birthday of His Son with the recreation of scenes of the manger and singing of carols. The birth of Jesus Christ in the heart and life of the believer is the total fulfillment of the birth in the manger and when He comes into one's heart, the celebration begins and never ends. To the believer, therefore, Christmas is a farce.

The Saturnalia is the ancient feast of Baal who was Nimrod who was the first antichrist. This antichrist was known under several names: The name Baal is Chaldic and means lord. He built the tower of Babel, created the first army, built the first walled city, and, contrary to the will of God, built five cities, the foremost of which were Babylon and Nineveh. Let us not be confused by the dozens of names by which he was called in Egypt, Babylon, Greece, and Rome and even in Syria and Israel. In the Hebrew language the name Bel means lord so in our Bible we find him sometimes as Baal and Bel. In Latin, the word Bellum means war, and in English bellicose means warlike, rebellion, rebel, etc. All have something to do with war.

The proof that the thing we call Christmas is not a feast unto Christ but one to the antichrist is in the fact that its celebration is an exact copy of the Saturnalia. Let us therefore compare them.

The time of the celebration of Christmas is the same time the heathen celebrated Saturnalia for a

thousand years.

The green tree is cut and carried into the house and decorated just as it was done depicting the cutting down of their god Nimrod in his youth (contrary to Jeremiah 10:1).

Liquor is an important part of Christmas even as it was in the mass of Bacchus which is just another name for Nimrod. (We cannot honor Christ with liquor.)

Feasting not fasting, revelry and not prayer is the order of the day.

Gifts being exchanged among friends and acquaintances is an ancient practice not in keeping with Christian giving. Revelation 11:10 is proof that the practice of <u>sending gifts one to another</u> during time of merriment is of the world.

It would be a waste of time and space to devote more time to listing all the acts of Christmas when we all know too well, but let me quote a scripture here which refers to Christ and the disrespect He gets at times like Christmas when people sing carols and put Him in a manger without recognizing Him as Lord and Saviour:

Psalms 69:12, They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

Amos 5:21, I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

Amos 5:23, Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

The Apostle Paul wrote of the great apostasy

which would come upon the church in our time:

II Thessalonians 2:7, For the mystery of iniquity doth already work...

The iniquity which was coming forth in the church already in Paul's time was evident from scripture. Hymenius and Filetus had begun to preach that the resurrection was already past and cases of incest were in the church just sixty years after Christ.

Two hundred and twenty years after Christ another voice cried out; because of church's desire to conciliate the heathen and to win them over to nominal Christianity, they took in all the practices of idolatry and even the heathen Madonna was installed as the mother of Jesus complete with the halo worn by the gods of Babylon, Egypt, and Rome.

Tertullian who said these words was one of the early theologians of the church about the year 220:

"By us, who are strangers to Sabbaths and New Moons, and festivals, once acceptable to God, the Saturnalia, the feasts of January, the Brumalia, the Matronalia are now frequented; gifts are carried to and fro, new year's day presents are made with din, and sports and banquets are celebrated with uproar; Oh how much more faithful are the heathern to their religion, who take special care to adopt NO solemnity from the Christians."

We are in the time of the apostasy spoken of by Paul in II Thessalonians 2 and the eyes of the people are blinded. Therefore, it is easy to see Santa Claus as a saint and not as a humanistic – satanic invention.

In conclusion, let me say that holiness is the aim of the diligent believer. Therefore, anything which we do that detracts from that upward drive towards God's holiness, to us it is sin. For ages, devils have been receiving worship from the heathen at a certain time of the year to commemorate the rebirth of the sun, but here comes the church who continues the worship under a different name. Do you think that the name would make the difference to the evil spirits?

"A rose by any other name would be just as sweet."

Shakespeare

THE END OF PART 3



Timothy 3:1-5. This know also. that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unho-³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, in-

continent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Sometimes we are apt to think that the greatest peril to the church comes from communism or from some other form of godlessness which might attack the church from without, but this is not true. Our greatest danger today is from within. ...a form of godliness... It is very difficult to attack this in others, since it gives the appearance of attacking the church. The subtle mixture makes it an impossible task. There is, however, a way of handling this condition and that is to deal with it in OURSELVES. Darkness cannot stand the shining of the light so when we begin to examine ourselves, we will be shining the light within, and if there is darkness, it will depart. One good sign that

there is darkness is that when you read this article, if you feel upset even to a slight degree, then there is something for you to pray about.

LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES

The love of self is a modern epidemic. It works in the church against the death to self message, thus it keeps the believer in the Outer Court realm of the church, where self reigns as Lord and even speaks to the believer in the voice of God. Many in this realm will tell you, "Thus saith the Lord," in order to get you to do their bidding. Messages will be preached in the name of the Lord telling the believers that the Lord says they are to give so much in order to increase their blessing. In turn, the congregations will donate sumptuously out of fear or emotion, adding to the amount of hay and wood and stubble sent up to the throne. Any giving or work done outside of the will of God or with any motive outside of His will is not acceptable to the Lord. In short, we could call this Christian humanism, which is a doctrine held by most Christians, wherein they go about doing all their business and ask God to come along as an assistant.

UNHOLY

Holiness is one of the abused words among Christians. The word, of course, means *divine character* or *of divine origin*. The people and things which we to-

day describe as holy are a far cry from true holiness.

This is the day of profanity, a profanity so deep and dark that it seems to still the conscience of those who are supposed to be holy. It is not an uncommon thing in our midst to see the profane being called holy and the holy profane. Stain glass windows, beautiful auditoriums, beautiful altars with Babylonish crosses or the Egyptian tau with all the heathenish inscriptions complete with candles are all called holy while true worship from the heart and the speaking in tongues are described in many quarters as *cult*.

Ezekiel 22:26-28, Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. ²⁷Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. ²⁸And her prophets have daubed them with untempered morter, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION

God made man to be both a natural and a spiritual entity with a spiritual image of himself manifesting in a natural body which, in itself, is the natural counterpart of that spiritual image. This gives man a mor-

al character which is above that of the animal kingdom. The soul of man, therefore, with intellect, desire, a will of his own, and emotions, was constructed of God to function within certain prescribed boundaries of behavior, YET with the power to break through these barriers at his own will.

For almost six thousand years, Satan has been working in the human race to disfigure man's character and to create UNNATURAL behavior patterns within the human race.

It is natural human behavior to love one's parents; it is unnatural to commit adultery (take your neighbor's wife); it is unnatural to lie, to cheat, to murder, to be violent and cruel to others, to destroy, to teach false doctrines, to be homosexual, and to fornicate. YET, if you should ask anyone on the street what he or she would consider natural, he or she would tell you the opposite of what you have just read. The reason for this is that we live in a fallen society, and it is even more fallen than it was in the beginning of man's fall.

People today are participating in marital relationship without marriage and this has reached epidemic proportions. It is NOT NATURAL for a woman to give up her freedom and youth without the security of a lifelong marriage contract with her mate. Christians are encouraging their children to be NORMAL KIDS, which means that they submit to the norm of a wicked and adulterous generation. The result of this is heartbreak for parents when these kids become adolescents and a severe uphill battle for the kids to learn

to submit to God. Christians are a peculiar people and are by no means normal according to the standards of the world; our kids are the same. In short, we should not let them bend to and blend with the styles of this generation.

Modernism, liberalism, and secular humanism, as well as Christian humanism, have taken a strangle hold on the institutions we call church. Bingo parties, suppers and feasts, money raising gimmicks, divorces and adulterous marriages, sexuality and homosexuality, pleasure loving and pleasure seeking, and wasteful building programs, vain heretical twisting of doctrines to suit money raising schemes; all this and more constitute a growing attack upon the Christian mind and behavior. Like the waters of a flood they engulf some, but thank God for the standard He is raising up against them.

Romans 1:20-32 adequately outlines the condition:

²⁰For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: ²¹Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

²⁴Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour bodies between themselves: changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. ²⁶For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. ²⁸And 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; ²⁹Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents. 31Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: $^{
m 32}$ 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.

The amazing conclusion which the Apostle Paul brings us to is: *FROM SUCH TURN AWAY*. As an appendix to this conclusion he says:

II Timothy 3:6, For of this sort are they which

creep into houses and lead captive silly women..."

In verse 8, he likens them to Janes and Jambres, the two sorcerers of Egypt who withstood Moses before Pharaoh.

JUDGE STUMBLES IN JUDGMENT

In the Courtroom in Little Rock, Arkansas, history was recently made when a judge ruled that Creationism is not a science and could not be taught with Evolution in the schools.

Creationism is described as a doctrine that states that God is responsible for making the earth and man, which agrees with the story in Genesis chapter one of the Bible.

I am of the opinion that the case for the Bible was not adequately presented in Court. Those who were presenting the case from the Bible in a secular Court of Law could not hope to win without bringing in scientific knowledge, which supports the Christian position. On the other hand, they did nothing to disprove Darwin's pseudo-scientific findings, which have been passing off as science for a long time. The definition the Webster's science from dictionary Knowledge of facts or principles gained by systematic study; a particular branch of knowledge, especially one dealing with a body of facts or truths systematically arranged and showing the operation of general laws.

The earth is round – this is a fact; but science did

not accept it until recently (500 years ago) when Columbus sailed around the world at his own peril almost being killed by his crew who thought they were about to go over the edge of a flat universe. IF THEY HAD ONLY READ Isaiah 40:22, they would have known the world is round, It is he that sitteth upon the <u>circle of the earth</u>...

EVOLUTION THEORY

The basic points of error in the Evolution theory are:

It should not be regarded as a science since there are no general laws which persist in the procreation of species.

There are genetical barriers among all species and the laws of genetics go directly against the theory of evolution.

Evolution claims that the species developed from a one cell amphibian to man, but after millions of years, according to this theory, there cannot be found, either among the living or the dead, any continuity in the links of this chain.

If man evolved from lower specie, then we would be developing into a *superman*, but there is evidence in the world of a deteriorating life span and moral and spiritual decay, which is driving us towards extinction.

CREATIONISM

Scriptural evidence of creation is abundant, but since God is the maker of all things, then the evidence of God and creation must be in science. Newton's law of cause and effect states that *reaction is always equal and opposite to action.* For every effect there must be a cause. Man himself is the greatest testimony of God in the earth. *Fearfully and wonderfully made*, says the psalmist. This is another fact of science that no man can create anything greater than himself. For sure, it must be a greater than us who made us.

DID WE EVOLVE? ATAVISM

Let us suppose that the chance which evolved us was one in a million. Then for every million persons there would be at least one without mother or father. There is not such person. Therefore, again we see the folly of man.

Webster's dictionary describes the word thus: The resemblance of offspring to a remote ancestor; the return or reversion among animals to the original type.

This means that if man came from anything else beside man, then somewhere along the line a monkey or some other specie would turn up.

Every living creature must bring forth after its

kind, is a law of life written in Genesis 1:21, 24, 25, but also written indelibly in the DNA factor of every creature. For years, scientists and perverts alike have been trying to break this law by bringing together the sperm of man and beast, but to no avail. In both the animal and vegetable kingdoms, there are definite barriers put up of God which cannot be broken. A mare and a jack ass will produce a mule – the mule is barren and cannot reproduce – hybrid – this is God's barrier. A she ass and a stallion will produce a small mule which we call *mule royal*. The mule royal is barren and cannot reproduce - here we hit the hybrid barrier. We can take a bud from an orange tree and engraft it into another citrus stock, but it will not take to just any other tree. Here we come up against one of God's barriers.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

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

In Israel, they read from the Torah and pray in the schools. In all the Islamic countries, they pray openly in schools and even on the streets. But here in the U.S.A., they have a law against praying in the schools; a law against teaching Creation; some hospitals have regulations against taking a Bible in their precincts, because they subscribe to the belief that the Bible helps to mentally destabilize people. Soon, they intend to fetter our spiritual freedom and only accept

secular religion as Christianity.

Very many families are now moving their children from the public school system into private schools, even as the publics schools deteriorate in quality, educationally, are adding subjects like *sex education*, *occult classes*, and other devious subjects, which do not help the poor grades of students, but add to their confusion.

Christians will have to rise up and provide suitable places of tuition for their children.

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In 1973, while the state of Israel was being surrounded by the armies of the Arab nations, I had one of those rare visions where God would speak to me while I am awake, in an audible voice. The Lord showed me a blackboard and He drew a large fruit looking like a melon with a long hard seed in the center. He then said, "Israel is compassed with armies." Immediately, flying insects attacked the fruit from all sides and destroyed the outer skin leaving the bare pulp. There was a second attack which destroyed the pulp leaving the bare seed. Then, there was a third attack upon the seed itself, but instead of piercing it, the attack only served to polish it and make it brilliant. The Lord spoke again, this time with a voice of deep satisfaction, "They will never breach my elect."

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Revelation 12:15-16

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