

# The Rapture Occurs On the Day of the Lord!



This post is to add more information on what I wrote on [The Popular but False Doctrine of the Rapture.](#)

And why did I call the doctrine of the Rapture false? I am talking about how the majority of evangelicals define the Rapture:

A) The rapture doctrine purports that Christ will come back to this earth in two phases. First, He will come spiritually to “rapture away” believers who have been faithful to Him. This first phase of His coming is going to be silent or secret.

B) After the righteous are raptured away to heaven, a fierce antichrist power will appear on the earth and rule the world for a period of seven years. This seven-year period is popularly referred to as the tribulation period.

C) During this tribulation period, people who will refuse to go along with the new order of the antichrist will be brutally persecuted. However, amidst the great persecution by this satanic power, anyone who will believe and embrace Christ at this difficult time will have a second chance at salvation.

D) After the seven-year tribulation period, Christ returns visibly to destroy the antichrist power and dispense His wrath on the world’s nations. This is the general teaching of the secret rapture doctrine. (From: <https://whitethroneministries.org/resources/lessons/the-secret-rapture-doctrine> )

None of the above are supported by Scripture! All of these statements are speculation, reading into the Bible what isn’t there, and based on a false interpretation of the [70th Week of Daniel](#).

Today, December 1st 2021, I saw for the first time that the prophecy at the end of I Thessalonians chapter four does *not* end with that chapter but it *continues on* with more information in chapter five! And that shows it’s a continuous event!

1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:1 **But of the times and the seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 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.

If you keep in mind there are no chapter breaks in the original text, you will see the prophecy at the end of First Thessalonians chapter 4 continues on to chapter 5. And if you see that, I think you should see that the rapture of the saints happens the same day as the destruction of the wicked. Therefore it **cannot** be a secret event!

Another Scripture that confirms the rapture occurs on the Day of the Lord:

Matthew 13:30 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 (the redeemed of Christ Jesus) into my barn.

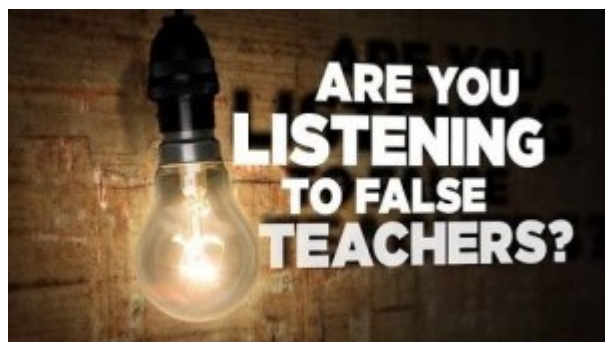
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## [The Six Seals of the Apocalypse: A Synopsis of History from Christ to the End of Time](#)



Reading what Matthew Henry had to say about Revelation chapter 6 made me realize it's a summary of events over the past 2000 years!

# Geneva Bible Footnotes Refute Popular Contemporary Evangelical Endtime Doctrines



My wife and I attend a local Baptist church. We like the pastor. He's a humble man who teaches the Word of God directly from the King James Version of the Bible. He preaches the true doctrine of salvation by faith alone, through grace alone, through Christ alone. He teaches us good practical lessons on how to avoid sin in our lives. But we also think Baptist eschatology is wrong because it was influenced by C.I. Scofield and his reference Bible. We are thankful that our pastor doesn't preach these false Endtime doctrines of Scofield. He himself confessed to being weak in eschatological doctrines. That's fine with me and my wife. Better not to teach them at all than to teach false doctrines. And what are these false doctrines that are held as truth by many evangelicals today?

1. Pre-tribulation rapture
2. Secret rapture of the saints
3. The 70th Week of Daniel being an Endtime event of the seven-year reign of the Antichrist
4. Israel is the time-clock of the Endtime.

5. The creation of the modern state of Israel in 1948 was fulfilment of prophecy
6. The Temple of Solomon will be rebuilt in the Endtime so that the Antichrist will sit in it and declare himself to be God.

The most commonly held Southern Baptist eschatology is known as "pretribulational premillennialism." In this view, Jesus will return to earth but not stay. He will rapture believers, removing them from Earth. Southern Baptists believe that a seven-year-long tribulation period will follow the rapture. They believe during the tribulation period that the Antichrist will conquer Earth, and they believe that Jesus will return again after the seven years and judge the living and the dead. Finally, they believe a 1,000-year-long Kingdom of God on Earth will follow. (From [Southern Baptist Eschatology Beliefs](#))

Where do the Baptists get the idea of a seven-year-long tribulation person after the rapture? Not from the Bible! They got it from a false interpretation of Daniel 9:27 promoted by John Nelson Darby and C.I. Scofield.

The Geneva Bible was published in 1560, which is 51 years before the King James Version. It was translated by men of God in Geneva Switzerland who were not under any political / government pressure that influenced their translation. The translators included footnotes to help make difficult passages clearer. Those footnotes are all based on what all Protestants in general held to be true. King James of England did not like some of those footnotes. He wanted a Bible that didn't include them. Hence we have the King James Version which is very similar to the Geneva Bible but without the footnotes. Let's see how the footnotes interpret certain scriptures.

Daniel 9:27 is probably the most misinterpreted prophecy in the entire Bible! Let's see how the Geneva Bible interprets it:

Daniel 9:27 And he {a} shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to {b} cease, {c} and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

(a) By the preaching of the Gospel he affirmed his promise, first to the Jews, and after to the Gentiles.

(b) Christ accomplished this by his death and resurrection.

(c) Meaning that Jerusalem and the sanctuary would be utterly destroyed because of their rebellion against God, and their idolatry: or as some read, that the plague will be so great, that they will all be astonished at them.

And how does modern evangelical eschatology interpret it? They replace the "he" which is Christ with Antichrist and say the Antichrist will make a 7-year covenant with the Jews in order that they can rebuild a third Temple of

Solomon to renew their animal sacrifices to God. Just ask yourself, would a rebuilt Temple Solomon honor God? Absolutely not! And why? Because it would represent a further rejection of the Blood of the Lamb, the Blood of Jesus Christ for our sins, and substitute animal blood instead! Would such a Temple be therefore the "holy place" of Matthew 24:15? Again, absolutely not for the reason stated above. There is no prophecy anywhere in the Bible of a third Temple of a Solomon. And not only does Daniel 9:27 not talk about a rebuilt Temple, it's a prophecy about the *destruction* of the Temple and Jerusalem in 70 AD! It's only *speculation* that the Jews need to rebuild the Temple in the Endtime so that the Antichrist can sit in it to proclaim himself to be God! And why did they speculate that? From a false interpretation of 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: {3} for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and {e} that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

(3) The apostle foretells that before the coming of the Lord, there will be a throne set up completely contrary to Christ's glory, in which that wicked man will sit, and transfer all things that appertain to God to himself: and many will fall away from God to him.

(e) By speaking of one, he singles out the person of the tyrannous and persecuting antichrist.

2:4 Who opposeth and {f} exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; {4} so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

(f) All men know who he is that says he can shut up heaven and open it at his pleasure, and takes upon himself to be lord and master above all kings and princes, before whom kings and princes fall down and worship, honouring that antichrist as a god.

(4) He foretells that the antichrist (that is, whoever he is that will occupy that seat that falls away from God) will not reign outside of the Church, but in the very bosom of the Church.

Any Protestant reading the Geneva Bible footnote of verse 4 would know for certain it is talking about the Popes of Rome. Evangelicals today do not interpret it that way. They say 2 Thess 2:4 is talking about the Endtime Antichrist sitting in a rebuilt Temple of Solomon. What does the New Testament call the Temple?

1 Corinthians 3:16 ¶Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The Church, the saints of God, is the Temple of God, not a physical temple made with hands. The early Protestants knew that which is why they believed the identity of the Antichrist is the popes of Rome. It was the Pope who set himself above the kings and princes of Europe. It was the Pope who claimed to be the head of the Church and the vicar of Christ. Does Pope Francis today say the same thing? He does.

Here is the crux of the matter and the reason for false Endtime teaching: They were cooked up by Jesuit priests who lead the Counter-Reformation to get the Protestants to get their eyes off the Popes of Roman as the biblical Antichrist! They sure did a bang-up job, didn't they? But thankfully there are Christians today who know the truth, and they are mostly Christians who still remember what Protestants used to teach up to the 18th century. The Baptists do not identify with Protestantism because they claim to be descended from the Anabaptists who predate the Protestant Reformation. This is true. It's just sad that Baptists and other evangelicals such as Pentecostals were influenced by C.I. Scofield's doctrines while the Presbyterians and other mainstream Protestant churches were not.

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## How Are Forced Covid Vaccinations Different From The Mark Of The Beast? They Aren't!



All lovers of liberty should be against mandatory vaccinations. They are against the principles laid out in the Nuremberg Code (1947) which states:

*The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision.*

You can read all 10 points of the Nuremberg Code on

<http://www.cirp.org/library/ethics/nuremberg/>

Below is a message from Pastor Chuck Baldwin to Liberty Fellowship on Sunday, August 22, 2021. You busy people can read the transcript of the main part of the message below the video.

All right, open your Bibles, if you would with me, please to the book of Revelation, the book of Revelation, chapter 13. I'm going to pull out two verses from this chapter, as the text for the message, Revelation chapter 13. And the two verses are verses 16 and 17. Again, Revelation chapter 13, verses 16, and 17.

*Revelation 13:16 And he (the Beast) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

Now, just a pause for a moment, when we get into our detailed discussion on prophecy will go into this much more, of course, but just for now, you have to understand that most of the book of Revelation is written in allegorical form. And that's true here in the Passage. In their right hand or in their foreheads does not necessarily mean some kind of a tattoo in your right hand or forehead, literally. The term forehead and right hand would immediately resonate with the Hebrew Christians who were reading this prophecy of John, because under the old covenant, the Hebrews, many of them would wear phylacteries, on their heads, and on their arms. And so this was definitely a symbolic allegory to that. And even though the book itself was written in Greek, the Hebrew believers would have definitely understood the right hand, and the forehead, meaning accepting, in the case of the Hebrews, under the old covenant, it would have meant accepting the law of the Lord, with your heart, and mind and with your body. So the mind and then the arm, representing the totality of the human being, body, soul, spirit, heart. And so that was the symbolism of the phylacteries that the Hebrews would wear under the old covenant. So when he talks about this, pertaining to the Beastly System, he's saying, that you will accept this System with your whole heart, with your mind with your flesh. And that's, that's the meaning of this.

*Revelation 13:17 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.*

So I'll read it one more time without the comment.

*Revelation 13:16 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:  
17 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.*

In other words, **if you do not accept the authority of the Beast, over your life, by whatever Mark is meant, you would not be able to function in society.** You would not be able to purchase to buy to travel to work, you must submit to the authority of the Beast. You must have the Mark of the Beast,



whatever specifically that refers to, or you will not be able to conduct business, to work, and to live in the Beastly society. That's what the verse is saying.

This week, an article appeared on [theburningplatform.com/](https://www.theburningplatform.com/). And I'd like to read this to you.

Now, in France, where this column originates or this article, the Mark is called a Pass. If you do not have a Pass, showing that you have been vaccinated with the COVID vaccines, you are not able to conduct yourself in society throughout the country of France. So as I read the article, I have no idea whether this individual is a Christian or not, there's no reference to that. But in the article, he refers to the Pass. Okay. So instead of using the word Pass, every time it appears, I'm going to use the word Mark, because it's one and the same. The Pass is the Mark. The Mark is a Pass. It's identical in definition. So I'm going to use the word Mark. Every time he used the word Pass. Let me read it.

(From <https://www.theburningplatform.com/2021/08/15/message-from-france/>)

Here in France, it has gone to the extreme with the health Mark. Last week on the 21st, all restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and any leisure activities like sporting events, theaters, cinemas, museums were closed to anyone without the Mark. And all staff at these places are mandated to get the jab to keep their job. It is now a six month prison sentence. If you are caught inside any of these places without the Mark, business owners will get a fine of 45,000 euros and one year prison sentence if they do not comply with the use of the Mark and force all their employees to get the jab.

So the result? All the low paid employees quit, they can make more on welfare here. (for now) We can still technically "get take out food" but I just tried last night and every restaurant in our town (that is dine in with take out) has closed their doors due to the lack of staff.

As of last week ALL doctors, nurses and health industry workers have been mandated to get the jab or lose their license, practice, job, business etc. (ALL health care here is Govt paid positions and there are no private health care Doctors or Hospitals etc.)

*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.*

Continuing with this article:

As of Aug 1st ALL large malls, retail stores and grocery store owners and their staff need to be jabbed and the health Mark is required to enter for employees and customers.



You cannot even get in the grocery stores, malls etc. without the Mark.

This would be the equivalent to closing ALL Targets, Walmarts, Costcos, Home Depots, and all major grocery stores. (basically any building over 20,000 square meters) to those without "the Mark".

As of Sept 15th all public areas and access will be off limits. No farmers markets, no parks, no national parks, lakes, rivers, beaches, recreation areas, campsites etc. and no gathering over 100 people, no churches, no weddings, etc. (Without the Mark.)

As of Oct 1st ALL small vendors such as, delis, pizza trucks, sandwich shops, butchers, bakers, vegetable stands etc. (Will be off limits if you don't have the Mark.

So as of Oct 1st I will only be able to purchase food by internet and pick up (if the store allows it).

Is it me or does all this seem a bit extreme for a "pass" that isn't exactly working?

America Canada England Australia New Zealand you'd better wake up.

All over the United States, government employers and many private companies are mandating their employees take the jab or lose their jobs – as we found out from this dear lady from Missouri today. Paul Craig Roberts wrote a great article that was picked up on [Lewrockwell.com](https://www.lewrockwell.com/2021/08/paul-craig-roberts/why-are-we-being-deceived-about-covid/) this week. Paul was former assistant treasury secretary under Ronald Reagan, as most of you know. And I quote his brief column.

(From <https://www.lewrockwell.com/2021/08/paul-craig-roberts/why-are-we-being-deceived-about-covid/>)

Why have US corporations involved themselves in public health policy? Why have they taken a position that is totally contradicted by all facts and all known evidence?

And you see, if you don't understand the spiritual nature of this Beastly system, if you don't understand that this is not science, this is not medicine, this is spiritual deception, then you're not going to understand why all of this is happening. And Paul, that's that's why he's asking the question. He may not understand the spiritual significance of this.

It is not only democratic governments that have turned totalitarian but also private corporations who are asserting authority to override the Nuremberg Laws and mandate that employees be vaccinated with the Covid Vaccine. A vaccination is a medical

procedure and requires informed consent.

It is very strange to find corporations recruited to serve a coerced marketing campaign. We hear about the “pandemic of the unvaccinated.” But there is no such pandemic. All evidence shows that the majority of new cases are among the double inoculated.

The majority of people are those who’ve been inoculated.

Public officials and the pressitutes (the media) are implying that it is those who refuse the vaccine who are responsible for the new outbreak when to the contrary it is the vaccinated people who are the cause of the variants and new illnesses. As Dr. Malone, the inventor of the mRNA technology used to create the vaccine has patiently explained, **the vaccine trains the virus to produce variants that escape vaccines.**

[Considering the enormous number of deaths and injuries associated with the vaccine](#), we are faced with the conclusion that the vaccine gives those vaccinated Covid illnesses.

No evidence exists that supports the claim of CDC director Rochelle Walensky that the delta variant is a “pandemic of the unvaccinated.”

No evidence exists that the vaccine protects against Covid. Indeed, the vaccine seems to spread the virus.

We have learned that there is no such thing as “fully vaccinated.” The new program is endless booster shots every few months, the result of which will be an explosion in adverse effects from the vaccine.

The Covid policy is so counterfactual and so contradicted by all evidence that conspiracy theorists who see a darker agenda at work are gaining credibility.

And for Paul Craig Roberts to say that, that’s significant. And then he concludes,

When a vaccine has proven itself not to protect but to cause unprecedented deaths and illnesses, how can any intelligent person arrive at the conclusion that more vaccine is the solution?

Just this week, we learned that two of my congregates from my former pastor, died after receiving the COVID vaccination. One of them was in her 40s. Two people that I personally knew as their pastor died this week, and both having taken the COVID vaccination. For those of you around the country, you should

know that our state here in Montana is the only state in the United States to ban vaccine requirements for employees. And that was the direct result of a massive input from the grassroots citizenry of this country, and some great legislators who had a determined position to bring this legislation to the legislature, and the governor had the guts to sign it. And it's the law of our state that no business can require the vaccine for their employees as a condition for employment. And we're the only state in the country with such a law. And as you can imagine, pressure is coming in from all over the country, on our state government, our legislators and our governor to reverse this law.

Next week, would you please bring with me, the names of our legislative leaders, our governor, our Majority Leader, and majority Senate and House and all the leadership, and we need to start letting these people know that they cannot buckle to the pressure of outside influences, to try and undo the constitutional acts of the legislature supported by the people of the state of Montana. It's very important that we stand in the gap with our legislative because I'm telling you, right now, the pressure is immense, including economic bribery attempts in order to get them to reverse because we're the one state the only state that has done this, and they don't want other states copying this. And so they're going to try to stop it here in Montana. It's very important that we get involved in this, will have those names. And if you have the names yourself, don't wait for us to give them to you. You can start contacting them this week. Tell them thank you so much for what you've done and do not submit to the pressure. We are behind you.

With that in mind, I'm gonna give you a couple of other articles that were in the news this week that I think are so very relevant to the message of the hour. This comes from attorney Thomas Renz and his [website](#). The title of it, "Bombshell lawsuit alleges government covering up tens of thousands of injection-related deaths". Attorney Thomas Renz, filed a lawsuit in federal court in Alabama on July 19, that alleges a massive government cover-up of injection-related US deaths, that number "at least 45,000". The suit filed on behalf of America's Frontline Doctors in US District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, is based on a sworn statement by a government insider under federal Whistleblower Protection. America's Frontline Doctors, a nonprofit, filed a motion seeking immediate injunction injunctive relief to stop the emergency youth authorization of COVID-19 vaccines for three groups of Americans, anyone under the age of 18, anyone who has recovered from COVID-19, and those who haven't get been given informed consent as defined by federal law.

Speaking at a reawaken tour event held July 17 and 18 in Anaheim, California, Renz made the bombshell announcement, he says is based on a whistleblower with access to government computers, and can prove that at least 45,000 Americans have already been killed by the three COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use by the FDA. 45,000 according to this source, people have died after receiving the COVID injection. Well, I can vouch for at least two of those.

Then there was another report that I want to share. This is [from LeoHohmann.com](#). The doctor cites whistleblowers inside CDC, who claim

injections have already killed 50,000 Americans. The doctor quoted is Dr. Peter McCullough. He says, "good doctors are doing unthinkable things. They appear to be under a spell. The whole world is under a spell. The spell is satanic deception. And it includes most of the pastors in America.

So I quote now the article,

The most highly cited physician on the early treatment of COVID-19 has come out with an explosive new video that blows the lid off the medical establishment's complicity in the unnecessary deaths of 10s of 1000s of Americans. Dr. Peter McCullough said these deaths have been facilitated by a false narrative bent on pushing an all-new unproven vaccine for a disease that was highly treatable. McCullough is a professor of medicine and vice chief of Internal Medicine at Baylor University. He also teaches at Texas A&M University. He is an epidemiologist, cardiologist, and internist and has testified before the Texas State Senate related to COVID-19 treatments. He holds the distinction of being the most widely cited physician in the treatment of COVID-19 with more than 600 citations in the National Library of Medicine.

The sources are plenteous that the medical profession in general, and **the CDC in particular, are deliberately hiding the numbers of deaths that have occurred among people having taken the COVID vaccination.** In the same way that the CDC and the medical establishment manipulated and exaggerated the number of deaths associated with COVID, back in the spring of 2020, when our own Dr. Annie Bukacek, got up on this platform and gave her professional analysis citing this CDCs own documents to prove the manipulation, the exaggeration that was taking place at the CDC, in order to beguile the American people regarding the threat and the danger of COVID-19. In the same way, that they exaggerated the numbers of deaths associated with COVID in 2020, is the same way that they are manipulating the numbers in 2021, **to hide the numbers of those who are dying from the COVID vaccinations.** Ladies and gentlemen, **this is not medicine, this is not science, this is blatant deception.**

And as I said, unfortunately, the vast majority of evangelical pastors and churches are fully subservient to this medical Mark of the Beast. And that's exactly what these vaccine passports or passes, call them whatever you want, that's what they are. They are **medical Marks of the Beast!** Some churches and Christian organizations – and I am not making this up – some churches and Christian organizations are even refusing to allow unvaccinated people from attending their services or participating in their Christian observances. In other words, they would not deny them communion, they would deny them baptism, they would deny them the Christian ordinances that we observe as a church body, and they are denying them attendance in the churches, because of their submission to the Beastly system. If you do not have a vaccination passport, many churches will not let you into their congregation. If you have run into that, wherever you are, would you please spread the word in your state and in your local community, that there is one church in this country where the unvaccinated will always be welcome? And that's Liberty Fellowship in Kalispell, Montana.

Now, please let me remind you of three important biblical truths that are all germane to everything we're discussing. Number one, the Israel-based pre-tribulation rapture is a myth. Let me say it again. The Israel-based pre-tribulation rapture is a myth! Why is that important? Because this Israel-based pre-tribulation rapture, deception is what the vast majority of evangelical churches have embraced for the last 100 years. As a result, they have fallen for these massive misinterpretations of Scripture, which have led evangelicals across the country to accept this medical Mark of the Beast. **If they had never accepted this phony pre-tribulation rapture myth, they would not be susceptible to the deception that is the medical Mark of the Beast.** So number one, the Israel base pre-tribulation rapture is a myth.

Number two, the Israel base seven-year tribulation itself is a myth! And when we get into our discussion of prophecy, I will elaborate on that in detail. But these two falsehoods formed the theological foundation that has opened the minds and the hearts of evangelical Christians to accept all of the lies that are now permeating the world pertaining to the phony COVID narrative, and the COVID shots in particular. Without the acceptance of this false prophecy doctrine, that deception would not have a fertile groundwork on which to grow. But those foundations of false prophecy, give fertile ground for the deception that we are now experiencing.

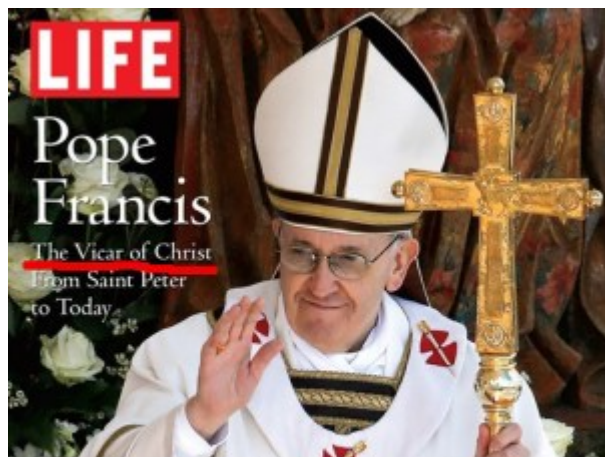
And number three, let me remind you again, and I've mentioned this several times in messages of the past, the Beast is not a man. It is an antichrist beastly system. It's a system. But because the evangelical world thinks that the Beast is an individual being, an individual human being that's going to come in the future after they've been raptured – and this is all for Israel – and we're not going to be here – because of that deception, they are sitting on the sidelines, saying nothing and have actually given their hearts to this medical Beastly system, out of ignorance of truth, and out of the acceptance of the falsehood of the Scofield futurism that is known as predestinational prophecy that most evangelicals all accept thanks to the ministry and the Bible of C.I. Scofield.

So I'm trying to show you the connection between false theology that has permeated the church over the last 100 years, and the acceptance of this Beastly system by the church that we are now experiencing today. And let's face it, if the Evangelical Church had not have fallen victim to this lie back in the spring of 2020, if they would have stood their ground for truth, as a church body, collectively, you and I both know that the COVID narrative would have died on the vine, it would have died before it started. But when the churches started closing their doors, when the churches started accepting the virus, when the preacher started getting up on television and telling everybody that they need to stay home and do everything to CDC said, when they did that, it gave the spiritual cover for the deception that was needed in order for this to become the monster that it is today. Again, that's why I've told you from day number one, this is not a political issue. This is not a medical issue. This is not a science issue. This is a *spiritual* issue.

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## Kicked off Bitchute for linking to Vatican



Vicar: (From Latin) vicarius, a **substitute**,  
Anti: (From Greek) against, opposite, **instead of**,  
Vicar of Christ = Anti Christ

This is an opinion piece from my friend Chris Lukas, a conspiracy researcher who I have known for years. He's a Historicist who holds the views of the Protestant Reformation leaders and Bible teachers about eschatology, which, sad to say, are not popular doctrines today. And why? Because English-speaking evangelical Christians were led astray by false Endtime doctrines taught by John Nelson Darby and C.I. Scofield. They taught a false interpretation of Daniel 9:27 – the [most misinterpreted prophecy in the entire Bible](#)! This false interpretation originally came from Jesuit Francisco Revera, and the reason he cooked up the false interpretation was to take Protestant Christians' eyes off the Pope and papacy as the Biblical antichrist and to look for a future Antichrist at the end of time.

Chris confirms what I have believed for years now, i.e. Satan is using the Vatican / Holy See, as his primary organization to rule the world. There are many other organizations such as the Freemasons, Bilderbergers, Illuminati, Skull, and Bones, Zionist groups, etc., and most conspiracy researchers are aware of them, but very few are aware of the tremendous power of the Vatican and its army of Jesuits around the world. I was raised Catholic. I am aware of the power of the Roman Catholic Church. The American government of now full of Catholics! Don't believe me? Look at the number of Catholics in the Supreme Court – six out of nine are Catholics!

The following are the views of Chris Lukas:

"I think Bitchute won't allow me to upload anymore cause I was linking the Vatican to what is going on. You can talk about COVID. You can talk about the injections. But they seem to favor the blame the Jews crowd.

Also, it's the way I tore down the narratives. I was banned on some platforms

for predicting Trump would be in on a potential election rigging, that it would all be a show, that he would pretend to fight it. That got me banned from Twitter.

I had predicted Biden and Harris would be the nominees, and the reason was to make the rigging even more obvious when they did it. The two worst people in the primary. Not sure if it was that video or the one where I was pointing out all the deep state Trump nominated and pointed out he kept renewing the emergency declaration.

These platforms wanted certain narratives pushed. It's not so much vaccine hesitancy that bans you. It's how you attack the narrative. Like I wouldn't get banned if I said the COVID "vaccine" alters your DNA, Jews are behind it, Q and Trump will save us.

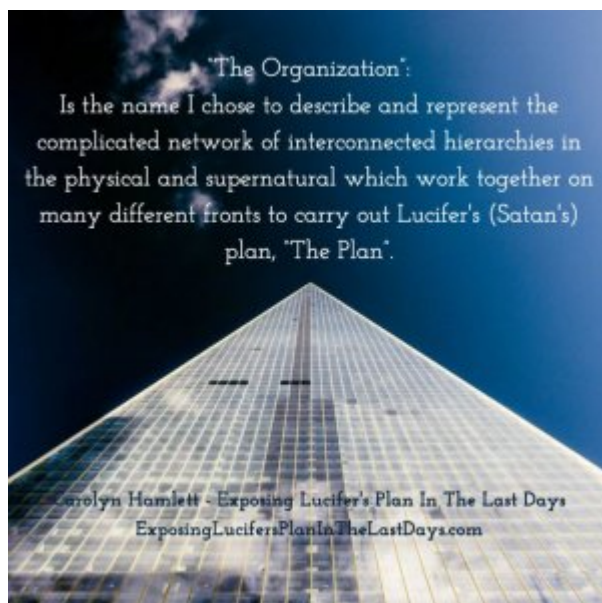
There's lots of good info everywhere, but if you don't expose how it's one entity in charge of this fraud and how it can orchestrate it with the whole world, all that good info does little.

My position has always been, there is no telling what is in this "vaccine", only they know. It isn't the mark of the beast, but a cover for the Vatican to target groups it doesn't like. I think this is why they have given the vaccine injuries more publicity. I think they want people to be hesitant.

They already game-planned that certain people wouldn't want it, would be less likely to cave in. That's how the Catholic church can go after the protestants or anyone that hurts its agenda. Now it doesn't have to overtly be an attack by the Catholic church. People just think "oh, that darn oppressive government", never making the connection it's a papal power play.

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## Former Illuminist, Carolyn Hamlett







Carolyn Hamlett

On the evening of July 14, I shared with my wife the testimonial of a lady who calls herself a “former Illuminist”, Carolyn Hamlett. We listened to two interviews with her from an article I posted on my website 5 years ago: [Interview with a former “Illumined One”](#)

Carolyn Hamlett was raised in a trans-generational witchcraft family such as John Todd was, but she doesn’t say she was a member of the Illuminati. In fact, she disavows any membership in the Illuminati saying people have mistakenly called her a former Illuminati. When Christians asked her with whom she worked with, she didn’t even have a name for it. She just said she worked in partnership with Satan’s top fallen angels! But most Christians didn’t understand that. So she came up with her own name and called it, “*The Organization*”.

In Carolyn Hamlett’s own words:

*“The living and working “body” that I call “The Organization” has many systems and divisions which have been created to work independently of each other, yet in unison, towards common objectives as the head controls and directs. The “head” of “The Organization” is Lucifer (Satan). Functioning as The Organization’s “central nervous system” (brain and spinal column) is Lucifer (Satan) and his spiritual hierarchy of the descended (fallen) angels (many of them call themselves “Ascended Masters”... but they are nothing more than descended – fallen – angels), as well as hybrids and some humans who work in the supernatural, as well as here on this physical earth, to carry out Lucifer’s plan.”*

*“In addition, this organization has millions of people working for the same cause with varying degrees of awareness of that cause. They come from all age groups, all walks of life, all religions, all nationalities, from all governments, and all divisions of military. Most of these people are kept in the dark as to the true nature of The Plan and of the true identity of the authors of it (Satan and his fallen angels).” – From* <https://carolynhamlettexposinglucifersplaninthelastdays.com/2019/05/23/the-organization-what-is-it/>

So far I haven’t read anywhere in Carolyn Hamlett’s blog where she talks about the Jesuits or the Vatican or the Jews or Zionists. She talks about Satan’s control on earth being composed of millions of people and thousands of organizations working together just like the cells and organs of a body does. She says the Illuminati is just a small part of “The Organization. And

now I think the Jesuits, Vatican, Zionists, United Nations, Bilderbergers, Trilaterals, or any other NWO organization on earth, are just a small part of what Satan is doing on earth.

She talks a lot about occult influence in Christian churches, and especially in charismatic churches! Many people who call themselves Christians are really working for Satan, wittingly or unwittingly.

Carolyn Hamlett's bio:

<https://carolynhamlettexposinglucifersplaninthelastdays.com/about-me/about-carolyn-hamlett-a-short-bio/>

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## The Abomination of Desolation of Matthew 24: Jerusalem Compassed with Armies



The early Protestant Reformers asserted that "Scripture interprets Scripture", which means the Bible is its own best interpreter. With that in mind, let's look at the Olivet Discourse as told in two of the three synoptic Gospels of Matthew 24 and Luke 21. I am not including Mark 13 because it's similar to Matthew 24.

Matthew 24:15 **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:)  
16 Then let them which be **in Judaea** flee into the mountains:  
17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For **then** shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

The parallel passage of the Olivet Discourse in the Book of Luke adds more detail to what Matthew wrote.

Luke 21:20 And **when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies**, then know that **the desolation thereof** is nigh.

21 Then let them which are **in Judaea** flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and **let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto**.

22 For these be the **days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be **great distress** in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and **Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles**, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

## How Luke 21 explains Matthew 24

Let's compare Matthew 24 verse by verse with Luke 21 and see what we can learn.

*Matthew 24:15 **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:)***

*Luke 21:20 And **when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies**, then know that **the desolation thereof** is nigh.*

Luke 21:20 tells us what Matthew 24:15 doesn't. It explains clearly the final prophecy of Daniel 9:27:

Daniel 9:27b ... and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

The "overspreading of abominations" is the Roman army. "He shall make it desolate" is the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. Notice Luke 21:20 says, "the desolation thereof is nigh"? The desolation of what? Clearly from the context, it's talking about Jerusalem. And when? In 70AD by General Titus.

*Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be **in Judaea** flee into the mountains:*

*Luke 20:21 Then let them which are **in Judaea** flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and **let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.***

See how Luke adds more detail to the Olivet Discourse compared to Matthew? Not only does it tell the people of Judea to flee to the mountains, but it tells those who live outside Judea not to try to enter it! And why? Because if you do, the Romans will kill you! Do you see how this prophecy applies only to the people Jesus was talking to at the time? It's cannot possibly be an Endtime prophecy unless you include 70 AD as part of the Endtime. Jesus was telling who to flee? The people who lived in Jerusalem and Judea, not anywhere else in the world. And who obeyed Jesus' warning? The Jewish Christians! Every one of them was saved from the slaughter of the Romans! The ones who were killed were the ones who believed the false prophets and fled to the Temple to be saved.

*Luke 24:22 For these be the **days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.*

This verse is not included in Matthew 24. It explains why Rome was attacking Jerusalem. The "days of vengeance" are God's wrath on the unbelieving Jews who rejected Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, the Messiah. Jesus Himself brought the Roman army to destroy Jerusalem and the Temple to show that God is done with the Jews as a people. True Israel today consists of both Jews and Gentiles! The Epistles of Paul and the Book of Hebrews make this abundantly clear.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise.

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

13 In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old.** Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

*Matthew 24:21 For then shall **be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

*Luke 21:23b ... for there shall be **great distress** in the land, and wrath upon this people.*

When was the “then” of Matthew 24:21? It was when Rome was attacking Jerusalem. The “days of vengeance” are God’s wrath on the unbelieving Jews who rejected Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, the Messiah. Those days are over. There was never such tribulation of the Jews as there was in 70 AD!

Notice that Matthew 24 says “great tribulation” and Luke 21 says “great distress”? There are both the same thing! And Luke goes further and says, “wrath upon this people”. Upon which people? Upon the unbelieving Jews who did not obey Jesus’ warning to flee Jerusalem and Judea! They were killed by the Romans. According to pastor Chuck Baldwin of Liberty Fellowship, General Titus did not want to totally destroy the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. His army was so enraged against the Jews his couldn’t stop them! The soldiers therefore must have been divinely inspired to do what they did! Not even their own general could stop them from destroying the city and the Temple.

I hope I have given you enough food for thought in case you believe in the Futurist doctrine of a coming third Temple of Solomon and a future Antichrist occupying it for a seven-year peace pact with the Jews. The Temple may be rebuilt in the future, but I would not call it a fulfillment of prophecy. And I certainly wouldn’t call it the “holy place” of Matthew 24:15! It would be an abomination to God because it would reflect yet the further rejection of the Blood of Christ in preference of the blood of animal sacrifices. God is finished with animal sacrifices! How do I know that?

Daniel 9:27 ...he (the Messiah) **shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...**

Hebrews 9:11 But **Christ** being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, **not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;**

12 **Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

“Ok James Japan! So you’re saying there won’t be great tribulation in the Endtime?” I’m not saying there won’t be tribulation caused by the enemies of Christ resulting in persecution of Christians. And I certainly do not believe that the Lord will rapture the Saints out of the midst or even before the beginning of great persecution. Nowhere does the Bible say that. If you think it does, please state the Scriptures that say so in the comments below. What I am saying is we do not know how long such a tribulation will last. It may be much shorter than 3 and a half years. It may be much longer than that. We cannot go by a final seven years scenario as I was taught because such a

doctrine is based on a false interpretation of Daniel 9:27.

“So what will happen, James Japan?” I don’t know! We only know that Christ will return for us. When? We don’t know. Did any prophet of God predict that antichrists would bring the entire world into bondage and many into economic hardship by engineering the coronavirus scare which resulted in pandemic phobia and leading to greater government control of the people through vaccinations and vaccination passports? NO! NOT ONE PROPHET OF GOD PREDICTED THAT! Am I wrong? If I am, please educate me in the comments below. Thank you!

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## **COVID-19 mRNA Injections are Legally Not Vaccines! – By Dr. David E. Martin**



This is a talk by David E. Martin Ph.D. He is the developer of several innovation-based quantitative indices of public equities and the founder of the Purple Bridge Funds and M-CAM International. He has worked closely with the United States Congress and numerous trade and financial regulatory agencies in the United States. Dr. Martin is also a Batten Fellow at the University of Virginia’s Darden Graduate School of Business Administration. (Quoted from

<https://z3news.com/w/david-martin-presents-evidence-corona-virus-manmade/> )

### **Transcript of David Martin’s talk**

(Dr. Martin:) January 11, 2021, at least got the date, right? We’re not in December anymore.

Today, hey, by the way, thanks, everybody, for the last six weeks that that series has been shared a lot, we’ve gotten a lot of great feedback. So thank you, everybody, who has been a huge part of our six-week series on the integral accounting view of what’s next. That’s been a really wonderful

experience. Today, we're diving back into some really important stuff. And there are a number of you who have been asking questions about the status of legal proceedings, and so forth. And, and today, I'm going to give give you a little window into a couple of the approaches that are going on in various lawsuits. We're not commenting specifically on lawsuits right now that are active and pending simply because that's just not an appropriate thing to do. Other than to say, there are active and pending cases.

But today is a really weird one, people. And I have to say, you know, back in the early 1990s, I was doing clinical trials at the University of Virginia medical school. And I happened to be working in a very controversial medical technology area called electromagnetic field therapy or EMF. And historically, I mean, if you go back for decades, there's been all kinds of disputes around whether or not that technology works or not.

And so we were doing a multi-center clinical trial for a Japanese company. And I became very aware of 15 US Code Section 41, which is part of the Federal Trade Commission Act, that specifically has to do with advertising that a product or service can prevent, treat or cure human disease unless you possess competent, reliable scientific evidence, including when appropriate, well-controlled human clinical studies substantiating that the claims are true at the time they're made. So there's a rule under the Federal Trade Commission Act, and it has been used to shut down alternative medicine for years like you know, people who have been naturopaths, people who have been chiropractors, people who have been in any of the what are considered to be kind of alternative medical spaces have become very familiar with this, because it's the way the Federal Trade Commission shuts people down. confiscates materials, confiscates businesses, does some really egregious acts. And it occurred to me that no one seems to be talking about this when it comes to what is being promoted in the current regime!

And so, I thought, we're going to take a look into 15 US Code Section 41 today. And the reason for this is twofold. Number one is because it's important. Number two, is because I think that we need to call out a very important thing. So there's a part of the Federal Trade Commission Act, which also has to do with what's called deceptive labeling practices. It's when you use terms or phrases or words where you know that you are using them with an intent to deceive, deceptive medical practices. And so today, we're going to take apart a couple of the deceptive medical practices, and suggest that if any of you, and this is now a specific challenge, people, listen, we've been doing 39 of these videos.

Somebody who's watching this video knows an elected official, somebody watching this video knows a prosecutor, whether that's a US Attorney, whether that's an Attorney General in a state, somebody in the viewing of this video knows somebody who needs to listen to this video. And I'm going to really encourage you to share this, because it's actually super important. Listen, if this law can be applied to shut down people of goodwill, who are trying to help other people, it certainly should be equally applied when we know deceptive medical practices are being done in the name of public health. And we're going to get to that.



But Kim, let's start off with both of us worked in hospitals. Both of us worked in medical centers. As a condition of employment, you had to have shots, right?

(Kim:) Yeah, definitely had to have shots that have hep B and a few others. That was a bit way back in the day. But yeah, we had to have, all of us had to have as to be a nurse. You had to have shots done.

(Dr. Martin:) Yeah, I mean, at the Medical Center at the University of Virginia, you know, hep B was a standard. If you didn't have hep B, you know, you had no patient interaction. How about when you were in your own business?

(Kim:) No, not when I was running my own business, because I wasn't employed by a hospital. I did my own assessments of my own group of nurses. And we didn't have to because I was the boss.

(Dr. Martin:) Yeah. But there are people. I mean, let's be really clear. There are people for whom vaccines and various medical measures are a requirement for employment. And that's a really interesting problem where you get forced into doing something, and that made me think. Somethings troubled me. And the thing that's troubled me is that both Pfizer and Moderna have been promoting what they call a "vaccine".

Now, for those of you who don't really think about it, you have thought about it, because the public thinks that when you say vaccine, one of at least two things is happening. First is, whatever you're getting is going to keep you from being infected by some sort of pathogen. So that's assumption number one. Assumption number two, is that somehow or another, if you get that vaccine, somehow you're doing your public health bit to make sure that you don't transmit it to other people, right? Am I going out on a limb here? The word "vaccine" kind of means that.

And let's let's go back in history a little bit, shall we? Let's go back to 1905, to the very, very, very, very, very famous Jacobson case in Massachusetts (Jacobson v. Massachusetts Ref: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacobson\\_v.\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacobson_v._Massachusetts)), the Supreme Court 1905. And I'm going to read the quote, because I think it's important,

"This Court has more than once recognized as a fundamental principle, that persons and property are subjected to all kinds of restraints and burdens in order to secure the general comfort, health, and prosperity of a state."

So what the Supreme Court and Jacobson said was that the police powers the public health powers were legitimate if they secured the general comfort, health and prosperity of the state. That implies that the individual benefit is superseded by a collective benefit, that somehow or another, the individual is not the point when it comes to public health laws, it's about the community, which would then suggest that to meet a vaccine public health standard, and quite frankly, a vaccine public health definition, something about either you are immune from getting a pathogen or and potentially and, you are not going to transmit the pathogen, must be part of what lives inside that definition. That couldn't be more straightforward than the Supreme Court

of the United States in 1905, which, by the way, happens to be a decision that I have yet to even meet many attorneys who have bothered reading it. They talk about vaccine litigation. But I haven't heard many that can actually quote the majority opinion out of Jacobson, which is a very dangerous problem that we have.

But here's where it gets more interesting. So when Moderna was started, and if you go back and look at their SEC filings, and we've gone through all their SEC filings, they make a point of saying that their technology is a gene therapy technology, gene therapy technology, you'll notice that they don't say vaccination, they actually say gene therapy technology. And it was set up to be a cancer treatment. So this is gene therapy, chemotherapy.

Now, let's just stop for a minute. Let's just ask the question. If Anthony Fauci got up and said to everybody, "Hey, we want you to take chemotherapy for the disease that you may or may not ever have." There wouldn't be a single person raising their hand, the prophylactic chemotherapy, you wouldn't be doing it. You know why you wouldn't be doing it? Because it's a dumb idea, that's why you wouldn't be doing it. And, States wouldn't be able to mandate it and employers wouldn't be able to mandate it, no employer would be able to mandate a chemotherapy for a disease that you don't have. That would not be a legal thing to do. But they called their technology, gene therapy technology. They made a big point of saying that this was not investigational new drugs, this was gene therapy technology. This belonged in the Center for Biologics, potentially even the CDRH, the Center for Device and Radiological Health, because let's think about what they actually do. And by the way, this is super important. All the references are going to be in this video on the YouTube channel. And I'm going to put a bunch of the references actually, in the comments section on Facebook Live so that you can go see this yourself.

But what they're doing is they're putting together a synthetic fragment of nucleic acid, it's not mRNA. It's not natural. It's not even a natural component of a fragment. It's a synthetic fragment, it's a technology embedded within a fat carrier, a peg carrier, and that is being introduced into the cell not to induce an immunity from infection with a SARS COVID virus, and it's not to block transmission of it. It's actually to lessen symptoms associated with the S1 spike protein, not even the virus itself. So it gets better and or worse, depending on your point of view. The fact of the matter is this thing is actually not a vaccination.

Now, why would I say it's not a vaccination? People go, "Dave? Why would you say it's not a vaccination?" Well, let's look at the legal standard for what a vaccination is. And let's start with the Center for Disease Control's own definitions, why not start with the people who run the racket?

Two important operative definitions: Immunity is protection from an infectious disease, protection from an infectious disease. If you are immune to a disease, you can be exposed to it without becoming infected. Now, by definition, neither Pfizer nor Moderna even claims that to be the case. That's straight-up, not their definition. So immunity, you can be exposed to a pathogen infectious disease without becoming infected. Not only is that not the case, we're going to get to this in a minute, but in their clinical

trials, they specifically say they're not going to test that. So stay with me on that.

And then the CDC says a vaccine is a product that stimulates a person's immune system to produce immunity, see the definition above, to a specific disease protecting the person from that disease. And then it says vaccines are usually administered through needle injections, but also can be administered by mouth and sprayed in the nose. Now, that's the CDC.

So let's just stipulate for the sake of this conversation, that the CDC has its own definition, and what Pfizer and Moderna are doing, do not match.

And by the way, you should be thinking somewhere in this video, hold on a second. If this isn't a vaccine, why are they calling it a vaccine? That's a question. You should be thinking in your head because we're going to come to that in a second.

But I thought, okay, CDC, CDC is not the law. CDC is an expression of an agency, empowered by the law, but it's actually not the law. So why don't we actually look at the laws where vaccine has been defined? And it turns out, that's a much harder exercise than you would think. Because vaccine The term is actually not a legally defined term in an enormous number of statutes that govern vaccines, which is actually a really interesting thing. But let's look at some examples. And I just pulled a couple examples from the Iowa code. Vaccine, and I'm quoting means a specially prepared antigen administered to a person for the purpose of providing immunity.

Immunity once again, the operative definition, which is to say that when exposed to a pathogen, you are not susceptible. That's the Iowa code. How about Washington State? You know, the State that has been absolutely tyrannical and all of its interventions around Coronavirus, allegedly the birthplace of the US experience with Coronavirus, State of Washington. Vaccine legally defined term now, this is in the statute, means a preparation of a killed or attenuated living microorganism or fraction thereof, just Just stop right there, vaccine means a preparation of a killed or attenuated living microorganism. Stop right there. And mRNA synthetically developed by Moderna and Pfizer do not meet this definition. Or a fraction thereof, it's not a fraction of a living thing or a killed thing, because it's neither living nor killed. They are explicitly synthetic gene therapies. **They are not vaccines as defined by the statute that upon administration stimulates immunity.** There we have it, again, that stimulates immunity, meaning that you do not get a thing when exposed to that pathogen, right? That protects us against disease and is approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration and safe and effective. Now, that's the State of Washington statute. And by the way across the board, that's the definition of vaccine, which means immunity is a defined term vaccine is a defined term.

But here comes a really big problem. The big problem is that if we look at the clinical trials that were approved for what was called the SARS-CoV2 COVID-19 vaccine program under the operation warp speed, listen very carefully to what the primary endpoint is.

The primary endpoint is the prevention of symptomatic COVID-19 disease. Now, let's pause and unpack that starting with COVID 19 disease.

As you all know, if you've been watching this show at all, you know that in February, the World Health Organization, and the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services made a very clear distinction. They wanted to make sure that COVID-19, which was a series of clinical symptoms, which included things like fever, muscle pain, aches, loss of smell, certain radiologic findings in the lungs, a whole host of things, there's a laundry list of things that all got subsumed within this thing called COVID-19, which by the way, has been now redefined as to pick which is pneumonia, influenza COVID, as a combined set of things so that we can catch more people allegedly dying of this thing. But **COVID-19 disease is actually not a disease, it is a set of symptoms.**

And they were very clear on this, by the way. They tried to make a causal statement, they tried to say sorry, COV2 causes COVID-19. But then there was a tiny problem. Most of the people who tested positive using the RT PCR method had no clinical presentation, which means you can't make a causal statement. You can't say the virus causes a disease, because unfortunately, most people with a positive PCR test for a fragment of what was called SARS-CoV-2, didn't have any problem. In fact, well over 80% had no problem. Which then leads us to the question of, okay, so we can't say it's causal, but it's more problematic than this, the primary endpoint for the vaccine trial was actually not a vaccine endpoint.

A vaccine endpoint has to do with immunity. And a vaccine endpoint has to do with transmissibility. And neither of those were measured, and it gets worse.

And I'm quoting right now straight out of Moderna's own statement. "Key secondary endpoints include prevention of severe COVID-19 disease, and prevention of infection by SARS-CoV-2." But here comes a tiny little problem. By their own admission in their clinical study, it was and I'm quoting, "impractical to measure infection." That's right, you heard me correctly. It's impractical to measure infection. So there is no evidence inside the phase three clinical trials, that any of the gene therapy had anything to do with the infection or not of SARS-CoV-2.

You cannot have a vaccination. It's not under the legal definition of vaccination, you cannot have a vaccination. That is in fact, not meeting either an immune or a transmission standard. And their clinical trial was set up specifically so that it could not measure either of those things.

And then, let's quote, shall we, from *The New England Journal of Medicine*, and from [The Lancet](#) . And this is October, and this is December respectively. And I'm just going to go ahead and read this quote:

"At the time of this writing, no correlate of protection from SARS-CoV-2 has been established." (Ref: <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2028436>)

Maybe you misheard what I just said. **As of this writing, no correlative protection for SARS-CoV-2 has been established.** In other words, not a shred

of evidence from the clinical trials said anything about protection from infection with SARS-CoV-2, which means every single person who has value signaled their vaccination because they're doing their part not to be infected with SARS-CoV-2, and not to get COVID-19, newsflash, you have been violating the Federal Trade Commission Act by deceptive practices. You've been telling people that there is a protection that the data itself does not afford. But maybe that was just one report. So why don't I read from the second report? And I quote, and this is the *Lancet* and *New England Journal of Medicine*, quote,

"No existing vaccines have been shown to be effective against infection with any betacoronavirus, the family that includes SARS-CoV-2, which causes Covid-19." (Ref: <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMe2034717>)

People, this isn't my opinion, this is not me selectively choosing to take a spin on facts. This is in fact, fact. Which then begs the question, Kim. What would motivate Pfizer and Moderna and more importantly felonious Fauci, the unsavory, what would motivate them and CDC and others to lie to the American people about this being a vaccine, because vaccines in the ordinary course of the use of that term, invokes within the listener, a presumption of protection against infection, and protection against transmission, neither of which have been established at all? Why would they use the term vaccine?

And here's where we have to depart from the facts. And we have to go into conjecture because that's the only thing we have available to us. As recently as 2018, Moderna was insisting that they were not making vaccinations, they were insisting that this is gene therapy technology, and it was cutting edge and it was all this kind of nonsense. And suddenly, courtesy of SARS-CoV-2, it suddenly became a vaccine company. It wasn't a vaccine company before. It's not a vaccine company now, **it's a gene therapy technology company with an unproven gene therapy**. That's what it is.

So when asked to ask the question, okay, so why, why do we keep hearing about vaccines? Ah, well, here's the reason I think we keep hearing about vaccines. And once again, my opinion here, people, this is not based on information that I have readily available, but it is my opinion. I think that if Anthony Fauci if Moderna and Pfizer, and others, public health authorities around the country and around the world, actually called this gene therapy chemotherapy, number one, people wouldn't want to take it. And they wouldn't want to take it for a good reason. Because experimental gene therapy is a bad idea, no matter who it is, no matter what it is, no matter where it is. Experimental gene therapy should not be relentlessly and recklessly distributed to a population, that shouldn't happen. So that's number one.

But number two is the 1986 liability exclusion. And this is what I think it really is. See, as long as Mr. Alex M. Azhar, the director or the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services, as long as Alex Azhar keeps the state of emergency going, as long as every governor and every mayor and every unelected official keeps the state of emergency going under emergency use authorization rules, liability is a shield that's afforded to people like Pfizer and Moderna and others. So they're making billions of dollars on the back of something for which they have no liability. But, if this was not a

vaccine, then all a sudden the liability shield would vanish, because there is not a liability shield under the 1986 Act for a medical countermeasure that is gene therapy.

Which means we're probably having governors, and the Health and Human Services and CDC and others, maintaining the illusion of a state of emergency not because there's a state of emergency. They're maintaining it, because it maintains the illusion of the liability shield. Remember that if you suspended the state of emergency today, like, I don't know, if you're the governor of South Dakota, and you ever have anybody who remotely cares about this matter, listening to this video, lift the state of emergency because on the day you do it, RT PCR can't be used. Because RT PCR is not a diagnostic, it has never been approved, and it does not and cannot diagnose and treat a disease, which means every time Bloomberg, Gates Foundation and Zuckerberg foundation COVID-19 dashboard reports that there is a another case of COVID-19 because of a positive RT PCR test, they are violating the 15 US code Federal Trade Commission Act. You cannot diagnose a thing that cannot diagnose the thing. That's a misrepresentation. That is a deceptive practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act. And they're liable for deceptive practices. Because it turns out, you do not have a waiver of liability under deceptive practices, even in a state of emergency.

So maybe the reason why they're calling it a vaccine is because they can count on the fact that neither you nor I will ever have this video, you and I will never do this independent inquiry you and I will never ask the question, is it possible that the entirety of what operation warp speed was, was nothing but propaganda? Which leads me to my conclusion.

Some of you know this, some of you don't. But operation warp speed has a middleman. And the middleman is a company called ATI, a defense contractor out of North Carolina. And it turns out that that defense contractor is the one that clears the billions of dollars of orders for vaccines. And that defense contractor is the one that then is supposed to be controlling the rollout of the vaccines, which has been a total train wreck, even setting aside all of the ethical, legal moral obligations of the things that we just talked about. But ATI also has another contract, also with the Department of Defense, and other government agencies, and that contract is for propaganda and misinformation.

"Hold on a minute! You mean that the company that actually got the contract to officially manipulate public media to officially convey the propaganda of the United States government, you mean that company is also the company in charge of operation warp speed, Dave? Is that what you're saying?" And the answer is, you got it! That's exactly what I'm saying. This thing does not stink like rotten fish because I'm making up some sort of stench. It stinks like rotten fish because it is rotten fish. That's why it smells of rotten fish.

So listen, this is a pretty straightforward situation. You're being lied to. Your own government is violating its own laws. 15 US code is not my interpretation. They have thrown this book at more people than I can count. They have shut down practitioners around the country, time and time again for

violating what are called deceptive practices and medical claims. Guess what? They're doing exactly that thing. Right now.

You need to send this video to your US Attorney in your state. You need to send this to your attorney general in your state. You need to actually do something with this video. Don't just share it among your friends don't preach to the converted. This is a violation of federal statutes perpetrated by defense contractors by gene therapy companies, not vaccine manufacturers, by gene therapy companies who are doing experimental trials and doing them under deceptive medical practices. That's what this is.

And by the way, every statement that I have made before I went to my opinion, and my opinion is pretty grounded, because if you really examine why I think that the liability shield is the point, look at how many times the Department of Defense wanted to confirm that they were shielded under the immunity act of the emergency use authorization. They would not play this game if they didn't get the liability shield. And that liability shield came from the emergency use authorization.

So we're very, very, very desperately in need right now as a civilization to make sure we interrupt this. And the reason is because real people are being harmed. Real people are actually having significant side effects. Some people may in fact be dying. The doctor in Florida, who two weeks after receiving the vaccine, dropped over dead, very healthy guy, a couple days after he got the vaccine started having splotches and blotches and everything else, and then at the end of two weeks died, his death is being investigated, are you ready for this? By the CDC and by Pfizer! That's like asking a bank robber to investigate their own bank heist. It is beyond insane people. And it's time for each one of you not to just like this, not to just share this, but send it to law enforcement in your state, because somebody somewhere out there in these 50 states is going to actually care about following the law. Somebody is, or this is not America. It's on you. Do something with this. I'm doing the work. You can help me carry the burden. So make sure you share this and we'll see you again next week. Thanks very much.

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**[The New Testament Jesus Referred to is the Covenant with Many of Daniel 9:27](#)**



**Matthew 26:28 NASB**

for this is My blood of the **covenant**,  
which is poured out **for many** for  
forgiveness of sins.

**Daniel 9:27a NASB**

And he will make a firm **covenant with the  
many** for one week, but in the middle of  
the week he will put a stop to sacrifice  
and grain offering;

I was impressed by this meme but I don't like the NASB translation. This post is to show that the KJV teaches the same things.

In the verses below, the words "testament" and "covenant" are translations of the same Greek word, διαθήκη, transliteration: diathēkē, pronunciation: dee-ath-ay'-kay. In Strong's concordance, it is numbered G1242.

*Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new **testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

*Mark 14:24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new **testament**, which is shed for many.*

*Luke 1:72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy **covenant**;*

*Luke 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new **testament** in my blood, which is shed for you.*

*Acts 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the **covenant** which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.*

*Acts 7:8 And he gave him the **covenant** of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.*

The Greek word *diathēkē* is translated as

- covenants in Romans 9:4
- covenant in Romans 11:27
- testament in 1 Corinthians 11:25
- testament in 2 Corinthians 3:6
- testament in 2 Corinthians 3:14
- covenant in Galatians 3:15
- covenant in Galatians 3:17
- covenants in Galatians 4:24
- covenants in Ephesians 2:12
- testament in Hebrews 7:22
- covenant in Hebrews 8:6

- covenant in Hebrews 8:8
- covenant in Hebrews 8:9 (two occurrences)
- covenant in Hebrews 8:10
- covenant in Hebrews 9:4 (two occurrences)
- testament in Hebrews 9:15 (two occurrences)
- testament in Hebrews 9:16
- testament in Hebrews 9:17
- testament in Hebrews 9:18
- testament in Hebrews 9:20
- covenant in Hebrews 10:16
- covenant in Hebrews 10:29
- covenant in Hebrews 12:24
- covenant in Hebrews 13:20
- testament in Revelation 11:19

I hope I have proved to you that the words “covenant” and “testament” are translated from the same Greek word and used interchangeably. They are used interchangeably especially in the Book of Hebrews which uses insightful adjectives to modify the words covenant and testament.

- Hebrews 7:22 better testament
- Hebrews 8:6 better covenant
- Hebrews 8:8 new covenant
- Hebrews 9:15 new testament
- Hebrews 10:29 the blood of the covenant
- Hebrews 12:24 new covenant
- Hebrews 13:20 everlasting covenant

I, therefore, believe it to be absolutely correct to change the meme that appears at the beginning of this article by using the KJV translation of God’s Word. And though the word covenant of Daniel 9:27 is not translated from Greek but from Hebrew, I think the Book of Hebrews clearly shows that both the Hebrew word and the Greek word have the exact same meaning because it refers to the Old Testament Covenant many times.

The New Testament words "testament" and "covenant" are translations of the same Greek word, διαθήκη, transliteration: *diathēkē*, and are used interchangeably in the New Testament. The Book of Hebrews connects the Old Testament covenant with the new covenant made by Christ .

Matthew 26:28

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Daniel 9:27a

And he (the Messiah of verse 26) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease... (By Jesus' death on the Cross)

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## [The Mystics, The Masons and Dallas Theological Seminary](#)



Albert Pike

I was impressed by this article by James Whisler I found on <https://historicist.info/articles/dts.htm> and thought to repost the first part of it. The website is in need of repair. There are broken links to images and other technical errors.

It must first be brought to the reader's attention that the mystery religions, including Freemasonry, have employed symbolism as a form of communication. The hidden understanding of symbols was a necessary part of the initiation into the mysteries. This has been going on for thousands of years and is still in existence today, with the common masses never catching on. The Masonic Master Reference Bible states "Freemasonry has been defined as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

The greatly honored 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Freemason and Luciferian Albert Pike wrote:

*Masonry, like all the Religions, all the Mysteries, Hermeticism, and Alchemy, conceals its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who deserve only to be misled; to conceal the Truth, which it calls light, and draw them away from it."*

Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) is no stranger to this symbolism. I contacted DTS about their logo and asked them what it symbolized. Their exact response is reproduced below:

*The Dallas Seminary logo features a three part flame symbolizing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit illuminating the Scriptures which are shown in two parts indicating both Testaments. Thanks for the inquiry.*

Keith Yates,  
Creative Director, Dallas Seminary



Dallas Theological  
Seminary Logo

I don't believe the Lord wants us symbolizing the Trinity in art. Acts 17:29 says "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." In studying DTS, however, I have come to the conclusion that it means something far different. Bear in mind that Satan has a counterfeit trinity.

I believe and intend to prove that the flame represents the illumination of the ancient mystery religions for the initiates only and the books represent the ancient poisonous Alexandrian manuscripts, also written by initiates. All the modern bible versions are based on these manuscripts and without them, the dispensationalists could not teach their doctrines. I would hope that reader does not jump to any conclusions but lets the evidence speak for itself.

The three-fold flame, which is a symbol popular with the Luciferians and new agers today (symbolizing a false trinity), is attributed to the occultist and Rosicrucian Saint Germain who lived about three centuries ago.

*"The Christ flame within the heart embodies the same qualities of love, wisdom, and power that manifest in the heart of the Almighty, in the heart of your I AM Presence, and in the heart of your Christ Self. Right within your own body temple are three fiery plumes of the Holy Spirit-pink, yellow, and blue pulsations of living flame. Thus the heavenly Trinity gains expression in the world of material form. And the energies of Father (blue), Son (yellow), and Holy Spirit (pink) are resplendent in the heart of man. Also corresponding with the trinity of body, mind, and soul, the threefold flame supplies man's needs for power to run the body (the faith and goodwill of the divine intent); wisdom to nourish the mind (illumination and the right use of the knowledge of the Law); and love to fulfill the destiny of the soul in conscious outer manifestation (a just and merciful compassion that is always rewarded by individual creative fulfillment)"*

Now as far as the area they selected for their mystery school, the Dallas area is sacred to Freemasonry because of its location. It is near the 33<sup>rd</sup> parallel of the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree of latitude. The number 33 is revered by Masons. (Lucifer took 33% of the angels when he left heaven. There are 33 degrees of initiation in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The number is integral to their sacred geometry.) The founding Scottish Rite Masonic temple in America is located in Charleston, South Carolina, which is on the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree of latitude. Initiates in the Mysteries believe they can harness spiritual energies and receive an occultic blessing on their labors by carrying them out on their sacred grounds. Is it any coincidence that Tim LaHaye set up his Pretrib Rapture Research Center in [Washington D.C., a city designed by Freemasons](#) with the streets forming Masonic symbols? LaHaye was located in a plaza, on a street named after Pierre Charles L'enfant, the Mason who designed the city. This street forms one leg of the Masonic compass, an area believed by the Luciferians to hold strong occultic energies. By another

coincidence, LaHaye, moved his research center to the Dallas area. Wouldn't you agree that he is receiving some kind of spiritual blessing on the sales of his latest books? Do you believe this blessing is from God?

Some might mistake it for a Christian symbol, but Masonic author Ray Denslow reveals its true meaning:

"The Cross and Crown may be said to be confined almost exclusively to the historical degrees in Masonry as exemplified in the various orders of knighthood of York and Scottish rites. In Gaul we find the cross to have been a solar symbol when it had equal arms and angles; to the Phoenicians, it was an instrument of sacrifice to their God, Baal; and to the Egyptians, the crux ansata was his symbol of eternal life." (Ray V. Denslow, *Masonic Portraits*, Transactions of this Missouri Lodge of Research, vol. #29, p.7

Masonic authority Albert Pike also wrote of the meaning of the above symbol in his book *Morals and Dogma*, explaining that it has a sexual connotation to it as well. (Why is this symbol on a 'Christian' book cover?).

Dealey Plaza, named after 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Freemason George Bannerman Dealey, was the site of the first Masonic Temple in Dallas; of course, the Dealeys were associated with it. George used his newspaper the Dallas Morning News, and his contacts within the paper industry to promote Scofield and his teachings and to screen out information that would embarrass the man. This is the standard operating procedure with the powermongers behind the scenes and happens every day. Luciferians place their people in key positions in the media and are then able to promote their men in key positions in politics and religion, which promote certain policies and doctrines in order to direct public opinion. Illuminist newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst used his resources to introduce 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Freemason Billy Graham to the world. Biographical researcher Canfield penned the following example in relation to Scofield's death:

"On Sunday, November 27, 1921, the whole day was given over to memorial services for Scofield at the First Church in Dallas. The Dallas Morning News, the next day, devoted five columns on its page 7 to report the affair. Looking at the report of the day, one gets an impression that some tributes dripped with gooey syrup if they had any truth in them."

One of Scofield's students, Dr. W. Irving Carroll gave the eulogy at his funeral. In regards to Scofield's work, he stated:

"He was the greatest Bible expositor of his generation and there have been none to equal him in clarity of thought nor brevity of thought of any generation. I am saying this, not in fulsome flattery of the man's life, but simply in recognition of a great fact. I say again that no man ever had a deeper insight into the revealed truth of Scriptures nor a broader grasp."



C.I. Scofield

But was Scofield the greatest bible expositor of his generation? Did he really know what he was talking about? Once again Canfield shines some light. In an analysis of a statement made by Scofield to the effect that Charles Finney and Charles Spurgeon preached the same doctrine, Canfield remarked "His assertion that Spurgeon and Finney preached the same message is incorrect. The views of the two men were so far apart that reconciliation is impossible. The statement is another suggestion that Scofield's knowledge was superficial and his expressed views suited to occasion and congregation." After reading Canfield's excellent biography about the man and finding out about all his scandals which his associates helped cover-up, I would be hard-pressed to say he was anything more than a confidence man employed to promote a false teaching.

Quite possibly the biggest momentum builder to the dispensationalist movement was the Scofield Reference Bible. It has even been suggested that dispensationalism might have died out if not for the timely introduction of this Reference Bible. In preparation for writing his bible, Scofield felt some strange need to travel to the British Isle for 'research'. What he was really doing was going to get instructions from the controversial scholars B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort. There is much evidence out there documenting how **these two Bible scholars were deeply involved into occultic societies and mystery religions** including Roman Catholicism. Scofield gratefully acknowledged the help of Hort and Westcott in the introduction of his 1909 Scofield Reference Bible. These two men are responsible for translating the corrupted Alexandrian manuscripts Sianaticus and Vaticanus into the Revised Version of the Bible in 1881.

Scofield wanted to use the Revised Version for his reference Bible but in the climate of the times, the KJV was much more popular and respected (oh the times they are a changing), so he knew his reference work would not sell as well if coupled with the RV. But **the King James Version is highly incompatible with the dispensationalist doctrines**. In order to correct this problem, he inserted footnotes in crucial areas where the KJV disagreed with



the RV and the Alexandrian manuscripts. Each footnote “corrected” the KJV text to comply with the corrupted manuscripts.

DTS has inherited his contempt for the KJV. A thorough examination of DTS shows that the only King James Bible they really tolerate is the one doctored up by Dr. Scofield. They have since come out with new Scofield Reference Bibles in NIV (1984), NASB (1988), and NKJV (1989). The DTS Doctrinal Statement, which all faculty must affirm to each year, contains all the basic elements of dispensationalism (a pretrib rapture, a separation between Israel and the Church, a seven-year tribulation, etc.). Consequently, every student attending is automatically taught these doctrines, as well as their contempt for the KJV. Therefore, a majority of the books and articles they produce will include these same heretical teachings.

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## What Are the Beasts of Revelation Chapter 13?



Revelation 17:7b ... the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 13:1 ¶And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Revelation 13:11 ¶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.

Notice I used the word “what” in the title of this article, not the pronoun “who”. It’s because the Book of Daniel clearly identifies what a “beast” is. It’s used as a metaphor for a kingdom or an empire, and not a person.

Daniel 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

The Beasts of Daniel 7 represented four empires.

Babylon

Greece

Medo-Persia

Rome

I think it's safe to say most Bible prophecy studies will not debate that. The term "beast" is therefore a metaphor, symbolical language. Therefore I do not agree with Pastor John MacArthur when he says prophecy is always literal. Some prophecies such as the Messiah born of a virgin are indeed literal, but to call an empire a "beast" clearly indicates symbolism.

One website on the subject says:

Maybe you have asked the question what are the two beasts in Revelation 13? The short answer is they represent the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

I thought so too for 40 plus years, but I no longer agree with that statement.

I used to associate the Beast of Revelation 13 with the Antichrist who is supposed to rise to power and rule the earth for a final 7 years just before the return of Jesus Christ. I've come to see this interpretation as based on the Futurist school of interpretation which I believe to be false. I am a Historicist, the school of prophetic interpretation which was held by the Protestant Reformers and Baptists up to the end of the 18th century. It was John Nelson Darby and his Plymouth Brethren who in 1830 introduced to the evangelical Christian world the futurist interpretations of the Books of Daniel, Revelation, and Matthew 24. In other words, Darby and his people took

prophecies that were fulfilled in the past claiming they are yet to be fulfilled in the future! And sad to say, by and by these doctrines were eventually accepted by the prestigious Dallas Theological Seminary and spread around the world.

The point I want to make in this article is this: The “Beast” today represents Globalism, the Shadow Government, the Deep State. Why would the entire world react the same way to the pandemic with lockdowns, guarantees, the use of face masks, and social distancing? Answer: It’s all coming from the same source, the Beast! It’s unprecedented in history. Lockdowns are crashing the economy, and it may all be leading up to the Mark of the Beast. Is it too far fetched to think the Mark may have something to do with a mandatory coronavirus vaccination?

Just in my lifetime, I can tell you many times the Beast told me something that turned out later to be false. The Gulf War of 1990 was justified because "Iraqi soldiers were taking babies out of hospital incubators and laid on the floor to die." (False!) The invasion of Iraq was justified because of "weapons of mass destruction". (False!) The Vietnam War was justified to "save the world from Communism." And now though all of Vietnam is Communist, it has become an economic competitor to the USA! These wars cost the lives of millions of people! If the Beast would lie about that through its mouth – the mainstream media – why would you believe what it's saying now about the pandemic and the coming vaccines? I sure don't trust anything the media is telling me, and that includes not only liberal media, but conservative as well.

# Is There A Doctrinal Difference Between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God?



The doctrine of a difference between the Kingdom Heaven and the Kingdom of God is connected to the doctrine of dispensationalism which John Nelson Darby taught and which was promoted by C. I. Scofield in the Scofield Reference Bible. That Bible has had a profound (and negative) influence on the thinking of millions of American Christians.

Scofield in the Scofield Reference Bible says:

*"The kingdom of God is to be distinguished from the kingdom of heaven."*

A website, [kjvbible.org](http://kjvbible.org) says:

*"Knowing the doctrinal difference between the terms "Kingdom of Heaven" and "Kingdom of God" is the key to understanding the complete timeline of Biblical history past, present, and future, the proper place of the Church and the prophetic future of Israel." – quoted from <https://www.kjvbible.org/thekingdoms.html>*

Is that really so? Pastor John MacArthur of "Grace to You" does not agree. He says,

*"There is no significant difference between "the kingdom of God" and the kingdom of heaven. The one phrase emphasizes the sovereign Ruler of the kingdom and the other emphasizes the kingdom itself, but they are the same kingdom. **Matthew 19:23–24 confirms the equality of the phrases by using them interchangeably.**"*

Matthew 19:23 ¶Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 19:24 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**.

Let's make a comparison of the Scriptures in the synoptic Gospels that contain the phases Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven, the verses that are the parallel passages of the same discourse of Christ.

Matthew	Mark	Luke
Matthew 5:3 ¶Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the <b>kingdom of heaven</b> .		Luke 6:20 ¶And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the <b>kingdom of God</b> .

Luke 7:28

For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is **least in the kingdom of God** is greater than he.

Luke 13:28-29

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the **kingdom of God**, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the **kingdom of God**.

Matthew 11:11

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is **least in the kingdom of heaven** is greater than he.

Matthew 8:11

And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 13:11

He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know **the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given.

Luke 8:10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know **the mysteries of the kingdom of God**: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Mark 10:15

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **kingdom of God** as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

Matthew 18:3

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

Luke 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **kingdom of God** as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Matthew 19:14  
But Jesus said,  
Suffer little  
children, and  
forbid them not,  
to come unto me:  
for of such is  
the **kingdom of  
heaven**.

Luke 18:16 But  
Jesus called them  
unto him, and said,  
Suffer little  
children to come  
unto me, and forbid  
them not: for of  
such is the **kingdom  
of God**.

Matthew 19:23  
¶Then said  
Jesus unto his  
disciples,  
Verily I say  
unto you, That a  
rich man shall  
hardly enter  
into the **kingdom  
of heaven**.

Mark 10:25  
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**.

Luke 18:25 For it  
is easier for a  
camel to go through  
a needle's eye,  
than for a rich man  
to enter into the  
**kingdom of God**.

The Bible is its own best commentator and interpreter. All too often Bible teachers do not compare verses with other verses of the same subject. If they did, their pet doctrines such as the promotion of Zionism would fall flat.

The above comparison of the synoptic Gospels tells me the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are the **same thing**!

As you see in the list of verses below, the phrase "kingdom of Heaven" is only found in the Book of Matthew and not found at all in the other two synoptic Gospels of Mark and Luke. A probable explanation for this is Matthew wrote his Gospel message to the Jews. Mark wrote his Gospel to the Romans and Luke wrote his Gospel to the Greeks. The Jews out of respect didn't want to say the word meaning God, but Romans and Greeks used the word in their language meaning God.

What do you think? Doesn't it make sense why Matthew would say the kingdom of Heaven rather than the kingdom of God seeing who he wrote his Gospel for? Matthew also says the Kingdom of God, but only in five verses.

The explanation Christian Zionists use to make their claim of a difference between the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God is long and complicated. Unscriptural doctrines are *always* based on long complicated reasoning and convoluted arguments. Just look at <https://www.kjvbible.org/thekingdoms.html> for an example of that. Is that the type of reasoning God's Word teaches? I find true biblical doctrines are simple and easy to understand. They don't need a lot of explanation to understand them.

Preachers with doctorates in theology *may* teach true things that shed more light on certain Scriptures due to their knowledge of Hebrew, Greek, and secular history, but beware when they preach major doctrines you have never read for yourself from the Bible!

Here's a meme that purports a difference between the Kingdom of Heaven and the body of Christ! It's also false.



## Scriptures with the Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew says **kingdom of heaven** 32 times in 31 verses. *Only* the Gospel of Matthew has the phrase "kingdom of heaven".

Matthew 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Matthew 5:3 ¶Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the **kingdom of heaven**: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 7:21 ¶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.

Matthew 8:11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Matthew 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the **kingdom of heaven** is greater than he.

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the **kingdom of heaven** suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the **kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given.

Matthew 13:24 ¶Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The **kingdom of heaven** is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

Matthew 13:31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The **kingdom of heaven** is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The **kingdom of heaven** is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Matthew 13:44 ¶Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Matthew 13:45 Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Matthew 13:47 Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

Matthew 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the **kingdom of heaven**: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:1 ¶At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the **kingdom of heaven**?

Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

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

Matthew 18:23 Therefore is the **kingdom of heaven** likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 19:23 ¶Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 20:1 ¶For the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Matthew 22:2 The **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Matthew 23:13 ¶But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the **kingdom of heaven** against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Matthew 25:1 ¶Then shall the **kingdom of heaven** be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:14 ¶For the **kingdom of heaven** is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

## Scriptures with the Kingdom of God

The “kingdom of God” is found mainly in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. Matthew uses the phrase only five times.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the **kingdom of God**, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the **kingdom of God** is come unto you.

Matthew 19:24 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 21:31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the **kingdom of God** before you.

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

Mark says **kingdom of God** in 15 verses:

Mark 10:15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **kingdom of God** as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

Mark 10:23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the **kingdom of God**!

Mark 10:24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the **kingdom of God**!

Mark 10:25 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**.

Mark 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the **kingdom of God**. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Mark 14:25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the **kingdom of God**.

Mark 15:43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the **kingdom of God**, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

Luke says **kingdom of God** 32 times in 31 verses.

Luke 4:43 And he said unto them, I must preach the **kingdom of God** to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

Luke 6:20 ¶And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 7:28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the **kingdom of God** is greater than he.

Luke 8:1 ¶And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the **kingdom of God**: and the twelve were with him,

Luke 8:10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the **kingdom of God**: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Luke 9:2 And he sent them to preach the **kingdom of God**, and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the **kingdom of God**, and healed them that had need of healing.

Luke 9:27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 9:60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The **kingdom of God** is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the **kingdom of God** is come nigh unto you.

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the **kingdom of God** is come upon you.

Luke 12:31 But rather seek ye the **kingdom of God**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Luke 13:18 ¶Then said he, Unto what is the **kingdom of God** like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

Luke 13:20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the **kingdom of God**?

Luke 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the **kingdom of God**, and you yourselves thrust out.

Luke 13:29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 14:15 ¶And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the **kingdom of God** is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Luke 17:20 ¶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:

Luke 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the **kingdom of God** is within you.

Luke 18:16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **kingdom of God** as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Luke 18:24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the **kingdom of God**!

Luke 18:25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 19:11 ¶And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the **kingdom of God** should immediately appear.

Luke 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the **kingdom of God** is nigh at hand.

Luke 22:16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 22:18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the **kingdom of God** shall come.

Luke 23:51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the **kingdom of God**.

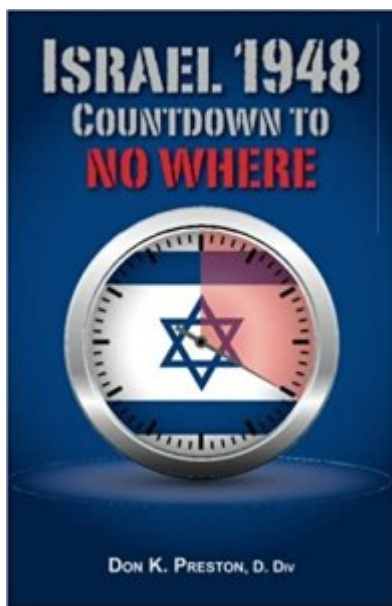
## Conclusion

There is absolutely no doctrinal difference between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God.

Further reading: [What's the Difference Between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God?](#)

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## 1948 Statehood of Israel does not fulfill Bible prophecy!



-By Steve Rudd

### Introduction:

1. Historically, Rapture false teachers are always scanning the news headlines for current events that are a sign that the second coming of Christ countdown clock has begun to tick.
2. For the 100 years after John Darby invented rapture in 1830 AD, more attention was paid to the pyramids and creative combinations of numbers to predict the second coming. None of them based their end of the world countdown clock on Israel becoming a nation in 1948.
3. All these failed predictions that were based on the pyramids and numerology appeared convincing at the time to those who sold everything they had, put on white clothes and waited at midnight on rooftops. After the "certain hour" had passed they were struck with disappointment and a feeling of self-stupidity. This always follows in the wake of failed rapture predictions.

4. However since Israel became a nation in 1948 AD, Rapturists got all excited and began to preach that the end would come within one generation (generally 40 years) of Israeli modern statehood.
5. For example, Harold Camping teaches that exactly 40 years after May 14, 1948, that the "church age" came to an end and ordered everyone to leave their churches in 1988. He then went on to predict the end of the world not once, but twice in 1994 and again on May 21, 2011.
6. Most "Rapture time charts" use the establishment of Israel as a nation in 1948 as the beginning of the countdown to the end, claiming it is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Nothing could be further from the truth.
7. The truth is that Israeli statehood in 1948 was and is irrelevant to Bible prophecy.
8. Paul said the hope of Israel was not physical restoration, but only in Christ:
  - a. "And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers; the promise to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve God night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by Jews. "Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does raise the dead? "So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. " (Acts 26:6–9)
  - b. "For this reason, therefore, I requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel." (Acts 28:20)

#### **A. Reverting back to Mosaic Judaism: "severed from Christ"**

1. Premillennialists, at their foundation, are condemned, because they teach that God wants the Jews to again practice full Mosaic Old Testament Temple worship, complete with animal sacrifices.
  - a. "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. " (Galatians 5:1–4)
  - b. "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. ... When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear." (Hebrews 8:6-7,13)
  - c. "When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear." (Hebrews 8:13)

d. You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. " (Galatians 5:4)

The whole idea of restoring temple worship, with a restored Aaronic priesthood, complete with ashes of the Red Heifer is to deny Christ as the true Passover lamb.

3. Those who believe in Rapture are in fact "severed from Christ" (Gal 5:4) because they are trying to do what the first century Jews wanted to do: practice Mosaic Judaism beside Christianity.

4. When a Jew converts to Christianity, he stops worshipping God according to Moses and takes all his instructions from Christ.

## **B. Reverting back to Mosaic Judaism:**

1. In a complicated intertwining of false doctrines, the reason behind Israel becoming a nation again include two main reasons: to fulfill and land promise and to give Jews a second chance to "not reject Jesus" as their earthly king.

Giving Israel all the land promised by Abraham which they never got from 1400 BC – 70 AD. In fact they did get all the land, and the bible says they did. Israel [got all the land they were promised!](#)

3. To give the Jews a second chance at accepting Jesus as their earthly king. In fact, Jesus was never intended to be their earthly king. Jesus was prophesied to be Israel's spiritual king. Jesus plainly told Pilate that he was not an earthly king who would compete with him, but a spiritual king in heaven:

a. "Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ... Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in Him. " (John 18:33–38)

b. It just cannot get any clearer than what Jesus told Pilate above, but Rapturists won't listen to Jesus and expect him to be a literal physical king on a physical throne in the physical land of Israel.

4. True Christians are in a state of shock that dispensationalists want to restore the Old Testament law along with Temple sacrifices because it is a denial of the sacrifice of Christ's blood once for all to end all animal sacrifices.

## **C. The OT prophecies of Israel's restoral are fulfilled in the church:**

1. There are two classes of prophecies regarding the restoration of Israel:

a. Prophecies of the physical remnant who return from Babylonian captivity in 516 BC.

b. Prophecies of the spiritual remnant in the church that began in 33 A.D. on Pentecost.

2. The level of Bible knowledge of those who believe in the Rapture is very low. They just read an Old Testament passage by ripping it out of context and apply it to a still future event 3000 years later!

#### **D. Prophecies of restoration from Babylonian captivity in 516 BC:**

1. **Jeremiah 29:10–14** “For thus says the Lord, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. ‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. ‘Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ‘You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. ‘I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’ ” (Jeremiah 29:10–14)

a. Jeremiah lived in 568 BC and prophesied the Babylonian captivity in many other texts misused by Rapture false teachers:

i. “‘For behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.’ The LORD says, ‘I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers and they shall possess it.” (Jeremiah 30:3–9)

ii. “One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, and the other basket had very bad figs which could not be eaten due to rottenness. Then the LORD said to me, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad figs, very bad, which cannot be eaten due to rottenness.” Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans. ” (Jeremiah 24:2–5)

b. Applying Jeremiah’s prophecies to 1948 AD is an assault on good bible knowledge but those who believe in the Rapture cannot be persuaded by the word of God!

2. **Ezekiel 36:24–35** “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. “You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so

you will be My people, and I will be your God. "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you. "I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations. "I am not doing this for your sake," declares the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!" 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt. "The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by. "They will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.' "

" (Ezekiel 36:24–35)

- a. Ezekiel was contemporary with Jeremiah and prophesied the restoration of Israel from Babylonian captivity, not some far off future event in 1948 AD.
- b. Ezekiel was exiled into Babylon with Daniel and both knew each other personally.
- c. When Israel came out of Babylon, never again did they worship Idols. This was the new heart he put in Israel.

3. **Daniel 9:2** "in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. " (Daniel 9:2)

- a. Daniel was one who was actually deported and lived in Babylon.
- b. Daniel prophesied the four successive kingdoms of Babylon, Mede-Persia, Greece and Rome.
- c. Daniel said that the Kingdom of God would be start during the days of the Roman Empire.
- d. This was fulfilled in 30 AD on the Day of Pentecost.
- e. The kingdom of prophecy is the church.
- f. The "last days" prophesies of Daniel were fulfilled in the first century.
- g. Learn that [the first days began when Jesus walked the earth.](#)

4. **Zechariah 8:1-8** "Then the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.' "Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.' "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because

of age. 'And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.' "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If it is too difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be too difficult in My sight?' declares the LORD of hosts. "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; and I will bring them back and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.' " (Zechariah 8:1-8)

a. Zechariah prophesied in 520 BC which is about the time Israel returned from Babylonian captivity.

b. Later Zech 14, Zechariah prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD (see below)

5. **Deuteronomy 4:27-31** "The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you. "There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. "When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them. " (Deuteronomy 4:27-31)

a. In a shocking display of ignorance of even the most simple and fundamental teachings of the Bible, Rapture false teachers actually use Deut 4:27-31 as a proof text that Israel's becoming a nation again in 1948 is a fulfillment of Moses' words. Completely ignoring both the Assyrian captivity of 722 BC and the Babylonian captivity of 586 BC, they jump 3500 years forward and apply it to 1948 AD.

b. Clearly God's words came true when they returned from Babylonian Captivity.

#### **E. Prophecies of restoration in the church in 30 AD:**

1. **Isaiah 11:10-12** "Then in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious. Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea. And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. " (Isaiah 11:10-12)

a. Isaiah wrote this in 730 BC

b. Notice the root of Jesse is Jesus Christ

c. The second gathering is in 30 AD.



d. On the day of Pentecost all nations were present: "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." (Acts 2:8–11)

e. Pentecost is a perfect fulfillment of Isa 11.

**Isaiah 66:19–24** "I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. "Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. "I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites," says the LORD. "For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD, "So your offspring and your name will endure. "And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD. "Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die And their fire will not be quenched; And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind." (Isaiah 66:19–24)

a. Isaiah lived in 730 BC, just before the Assyrian Captivity of the ten lost tribes in 722 BC.

b. Much of Isaiah is prophetic of Christ and the church in 30 AD. This is seen in chapters 40-55.

c. Isa 66:19-24 is a prophecy of the church.

d. Like Isa 2:1-4, it foresees the gentiles in union with the Jews as one body:

i. "Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. " (Isaiah 2:2)

ii. "Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,

and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. " (Ephesians 2:11-16)

e. Although Sabbatarians misuse the text as badly as Rapturists, their suggestion that the Sabbath will be in the church or heaven is refuted by the fact that there will also be new moon festivals as well. All of it is figurative and not to be taken literally because we know the Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross: Col 2:14-17; Heb 8:6-7; 13.

i. "having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him. Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. " (Colossians 2:14-17)

ii. "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. " (Hebrews 8:6-7)

iii. "When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear. " (Hebrews 8:13)

f. The grain offering is spiritualized in the church where Christians as priests (Rev 1:6) offer their own bodies as a spiritual sacrifice (Rom 12:1-2) or monetary gifts to the church ministry (Phil 4:17-18) or through prayers and songs and alms (Heb 13:15-16)

i. "and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. " (Revelation 1:6)

ii. "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. " (Romans 12:1-2)

iii. "Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. " (Philippians 4:17-18)

iv. "Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. " (Hebrews 13:15-16)

3. **Joel 3:1-2** "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the

fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land. " (Joel 3:1–2)

a. Joel lived in 830 BC, which is before both the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities.

b. However, Joel 2:28ff is clearly a prophecy of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost in Acts 2

c. Therefore it is clear that this restoration is in the church in 30 AD.

4. **Amos 9:11–15** "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name," Declares the Lord who does this. "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved. "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the Lord your God. " (Amos 9:11–15)

a. Amos lived in 750 BC before both the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities.

b. Amos 9:11-15 is most certainly a prophecy of the restoration of Israel in the church. How can we be certain? Because Luke records the words of James in the Jerusalem council whose purpose was to determine if the Gentiles can be saved without keeping the Mosaic law and circumcision.

c. James quotes Amos 9:11-15 as proof the Gentiles can be saved!

i. "Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. "With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, 'After these things I will return, And I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, And I will rebuild its ruins, And I will restore it, So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,' Says the Lord, who makes these things known from long ago. "Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, " (Acts 15:14–19)

d. Obviously then, the rebuilt tabernacle of David is the church. If not, then James was a liar and no gentile can be saved yet until the tabernacle of David is rebuilt.

e. This kind of clear refutation is ignored by Rapture false teachers because they ignore the context in blissful ignorance.

## **F. Prophecies of destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD:**

**1. Zechariah 14** "Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one. " (Zechariah 14:1–9)

a. Zechariah prophesied in 520 BC which is about the time Israel returned from Babylonian captivity.

b. Jesus became king of the earth at his ascension in 30 AD.

c. Notice that the language of Zechariah is almost identical to that of Matthew 24.

d. This is a prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. [Read more](#)

**Matthew 24:32–33** "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. " (Matthew 24:32–33)

a. This greatly abused text is always applied to Israel becoming a nation again in 1848 AD when in fact, it is prophesying the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

b. Of the 39 places in the Bible where "fig tree" is used, never is Israel called a Fig Tree.

c. In Romans 9, Israel is likened unto an "Olive Tree" but not a fig tree.

d. The Parable of the Fig tree is the only other possible place where Israel is connected with a fig tree:

i. "And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have

come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'" (Luke 13:6-9)

ii. Notice that if this is Israel as a nation, then it is a prophecy of it being replaced by the church at the end of Jesus' three year ministry and/or the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

e. So the only two possible passages in the Bible where a fig tree is associated with Israel both describe Israel's destruction, not restoration!

**3. Luke 21:20-24** "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. "Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. " (Luke 21:20-24)

a. Luke 21 prophecies the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Roman Armies, not its restoration!

b. This passage does not say Jerusalem will be restored or the temple will be rebuilt.

c. The "times of the Gentiles" correspond to the period when the Gentiles can be saved, obviously extending to the second coming.

### **Conclusion:**

1. True Christians are in a state of shock that dispensationalists want to restore the Old Testament law along with Temple sacrifices because it is a denial of the sacrifice of Christ's blood once for all to end all animal sacrifices.

2. Rapture false teachers want Israel to become a nation again mainly to fulfill the promise of inheriting the land. Problem is, the Bible clearly says Israel got the land long ago under Joshua and Solomon.

3. There is not a Jew alive today or anyone in the nation of Israel that knows which tribe they are from. It comes as a surprise to most people that the majority of Jews living in Israel today are gentile proselytes, being Russians who converted to Judaism.

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## The “Taken” of Matthew 24:40 is NOT Talking about the Rapture of the Saints!



The “left” of Matthew 24:40 is talking about those who were not killed by the Romans, those who survived the Great Persecution.

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## Who Are the Two Witnesses of Revelation Chapter 11?



Matthew Henry (18 October 1662 – 22 June 1714) was a nonconformist minister and author, born in Wales but spent much of his life in England. He is best known for the six-volume biblical commentary Exposition of the Old and New Testaments. (Quoted from Wikipedia)

Are the Two Witnesses of the Book of Revelation two literal people? Or can

the passages about them be interpreted figuratively? Here is what Matthew Henry has to say:

In this time of treading down (of Jerusalem by the Gentiles), God has reserved to himself his faithful witnesses, who will not fail to attest the truth of his word and worship, and the excellency of his ways. Here observe,

I. The number of these witnesses: it is but a small number and yet it is sufficient. 1. It is but small. Many will own and acknowledge Christ in times of prosperity who will desert and deny him in times of persecution; one witness, when the cause is upon trial, is worth many at other times. 2. It is a sufficient number; for in the mouth of two witnesses every cause shall be established. Christ sent out his disciples two by two, to preach the gospel. Some think these two witnesses are Enoch and Elias, who are to return to the earth for a time: others, the church of the believing Jews and that of the Gentiles: it should rather seem that they are God's eminent faithful ministers, who shall not only continue to profess the Christian religion, but to preach it, in the worst of times.

II. The time of their prophesying, or bearing their testimony for Christ. A thousand two hundred and threescore days; that is (as many think), to the period of the reign of antichrist; and, if the beginning of that interval could be ascertained, this number of prophetic days, taking a day for a year, would give us a prospect when the end shall be.

III. Their habit, and posture: they prophesy in sackcloth, as those that are deeply affected with the low and distressed state of the churches and interest of Christ in the world.

IV. How they were supported and supplied during the discharge of their great and hard work: they stood before the God of the whole earth, and he gave them power to prophesy. He made them to be like Zerubbabel and Joshua, the two olive-trees and candlestick in the vision of Zechariah, ch. 4:2, etc. God gave them the oil of holy zeal, and courage, and strength, and comfort; he made them olive-trees, and their lamps of profession were kept burning by the oil of inward gracious principles, which they received from God. They had oil not only in their lamps, but in their vessels-habits of spiritual life, light, and zeal.

V. Their security and defence during the time of their prophesying: If any attempted to hurt them, fire proceeded out of their mouths, and devoured them, v. 5. Some think this alludes to Elias's calling for the fire from heaven, to consume the captains and their companies that came to seize him, 2 Ki. 1:12. God promised the prophet Jeremiah (ch. 5:14), Behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people shall be wood, and it shall devour them. By their praying and preaching, and courage in suffering, they shall gall and wound the very hearts and consciences of many of their persecutors, who shall go away self-condemned, and be even terrors to themselves; like Pashur, at the words of the prophet Jeremiah, ch. 20:4. They shall have that free access to God, and that interest in him, that, at their prayers, God will inflict plagues and judgments upon their enemies, as he did on Pharaoh, turning their rivers into blood, and restraining the dews of

heaven, shutting heaven up, that no rain shall fall for many days, as he did at the prayers of Elias, 1 Ki. 17:1. God has ordained his arrows for the persecutors, and is often plaguing them while they are persecuting his people; they find it hard work to kick against the pricks.

VI. The slaying of the witnesses. To make their testimony more strong, they must seal it with their blood. Here observe, 1. The time when they should be killed: When they have finished their testimony. They are immortal, they are invulnerable, till their work be done. Some think it ought to be rendered, when they were about to finish their testimony. When they had prophesied in sackcloth the greatest part of the 1260 years, then they should feel the last effect of antichristian malice. 2. The enemy that should overcome and slay them—the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit. Antichrist, the great instrument of the devil, should make war against them, not only with the arms of subtle and sophistical learning, but chiefly with open force and violence; and God would permit his enemies to prevail against his witnesses for a time. 3. The barbarous usage of these slain witnesses; the malice of their enemies was not satiated with their blood and death, but pursued even their dead bodies. (1.) They would not allow them a quiet grave; their bodies were cast out in the open street, the high street of Babylon, or in the high road leading to the city. This city is spiritually called Sodom for monstrous wickedness, and Egypt for idolatry and tyranny; and here Christ in his mystical body has suffered more than in any place in the world. (2.) Their dead bodies were insulted by the inhabitants of the earth, and their death was a matter of mirth and joy to the antichristian world, v. 10. They were glad to be rid of these witnesses, who by their doctrine and example had teased, terrified, and tormented the consciences of their enemies; these spiritual weapons cut wicked men to the heart, and fill them with the greatest rage and malice against the faithful.

VII. The resurrection of these witnesses, and the consequences thereof. Observe, 1. The time of their rising again; after they had lain dead three days and a half (v. 11), a short time in comparison of that in which they had prophesied. Here may be a reference to the resurrection of Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Or there may be a reference to the resurrection of Lazarus on the fourth day, when they thought it impossible. God's witnesses may be slain, but they shall rise again: not in their persons, till the general resurrection, but in their successors. God will revive his work, when it seems to be dead in the world. 2. The power by which they were raised: The spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet. God put not only life, but courage into them. God can make the dry bones to life; it is the Spirit of life from God that quickens dead souls, and shall quicken the dead bodies of his people, and his dying interest in the world. 3. The effect of their resurrection upon their enemies: Great fear fell upon them. The reviving of God's work and witnesses will strike terror into the souls of his enemies. Where there is guilt, there is fear; and a persecuting spirit, though cruel, is not a courageous, but a cowardly spirit. Herod feared John the Baptist.

VIII. The ascension of the witnesses into heaven and the consequences



thereof, v. 12, 13. Observe, 1. Their ascension. By heaven we may understand either some more eminent station in the church, the kingdom of grace in this world, or a high place in the kingdom of glory above. The former seems to be the meaning: They ascended to heaven in a cloud (in a figurative, not in a literal sense) and their enemies saw them. It will be no small part of the punishment of persecutors, both in this world and at the great day, that they shall see the faithful servants of God greatly honoured and advanced. To this honour they did not attempt to ascend, till God called them, and said, Come up hither. The Lord's witnesses must wait for their advancement, both in the church and in heaven, till God calls them; they must not be weary of suffering and service, nor too hastily grasp at the reward; but stay till their Master calls them, and then they may gladly ascend to him. 2. The consequences of their ascension—a mighty shock and convulsion in the antichristian empire and the fall of a tenth part of the city. Some refer this to the beginning of the reformation from popery, when many princes and states fell off from their subjection to Rome. This great work met with great opposition; all the western world felt a great concussion, and the antichristian interest received a great blow, and lost a great deal of ground and interest, (1.) By the sword of war, which was then drawn; and many of those who fought under the banner of antichrist were slain by it. (2.) By the sword of the Spirit: The fear of God fell upon many. They were convinced of their errors, superstition, and idolatry; and by true repentance, and embracing the truth, they gave glory to the God of heaven. Thus, when God's work and witnesses revive, the devil's work and witnesses fall before him.

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## [Futurist Interpretation of Matthew 24 Exposed as Folly by John Gill](#)



Matthew 24 was ALL fulfilled in 70 AD with the destruction of Jerusalem, the Temple, and the end of the Jewish religion and the Jews as a people.

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## Matthew 24 and Luke 21 Compared Verse by Verse: The Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.



The best commentator of Scripture is *other* Scripture! It's been my observation that the reason much of Matthew 24, also known as the *Olivet Discourse*, is thought of as an Endtime event is that it's not compared with the other two accounts of it in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, the two other synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of Luke especially uses different words to describe the events, and when compared verse by verse to Matthew 24, add light and a better understanding of the prophecy.

On one website I found:

Matthew 24 and Luke 21 aren't really talking about the same event. It starts off the same, but then the passages take a turn in the other direction. Matthew's account is speaking of the abomination of desolation that's yet future, while Luke's account is describing the destruction of the temple in 70AD. It's clearer when we use Matthew 24:5-8 and Luke 21:8-11 as an event marker.

Both passages start off pretty much with "For many shall come in my name..." and ends with "earthquakes in divers places..." in once you get to Matthew 24:9 and Luke 21:12 it takes a turn in the other direction.

You will see from this study that the statement above is *false*! When Matthew 24 and Luke 21 are compared verse by verse, you will see they are indeed the **same event**! Both Gospels add detail to each other.

In the right column, I am mainly quoting from a famous Bible commentator, John Gill, a Baptist pastor who lived from November 23, 1697, to October 14, 1771.

When I didn't find a verse in either Matthew or Luke that corresponds to the other Gospel, I left it blank. I hope you will see that the two synoptic

Gospels are still close enough to be talking about the same event. Mark 13 is also the same event. Maybe later I will add Mark 13 to this article.

Matthew 24	Luke 21	Comments
1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2 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. 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?	5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, 6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?	<b>John Gill:</b> The Jews give very great encomiums of the second temple, as repaired by Herod; and it was undoubtedly a very fine structure. They say that he built the house of the sanctuary, "an exceeding beautiful building"; and that he repaired the temple, in beauty "greatly exceeding" that of Solomon's.
4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.	8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.	<b>John Gill: Take heed that no man deceive you:</b> by pretending to come from God with a new revelation, setting himself up for the Messiah, after my departure; suggesting himself to be the person designed by God to be the deliverer of Israel, and to be sent by him, to set up a temporal kingdom, in great worldly splendour and glory; promising great names, and high places of honour and trust in it; things which Christ knew his disciples were fond of, and were in danger of being ensnared by; and therefore gives them this suitable and seasonable advice, and caution.
6 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.	9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. 10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: 11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. 12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. 13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony. 14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: 15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. 16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. 17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.	What things? The destruction of the Temple. Notice Luke doesn't say "end of the world" as Matthew days. Jesus was talking about the end of the Jewish age at 70 AD. God gave the Jews 40 more years to repent.
7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.		
8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 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. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.		This is the point that the two narratives are supposed to go in different directions. But do they really? As you can see, Luke adds more details to Matthew 24 8-9. Luke says "delivering you up to the synagogues" which shows Jesus was talking to His Jewish disciples, not to us today!
11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 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.	18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish. 19 In your patience possess ye your souls.	<b>John Gill: And many false prophets shall rise</b> Out of, from among the churches of Christ; at least under the name of Christians; for false teachers are here meant, men of heretical principles, pretending to a spirit of prophecy, and to new revelations, and a better understanding of the Scriptures; such as Simon Magus, Ebion, and Cerinthus, who denied the proper deity, and real humanity of Christ; Carpocrates, and the Gnostics his followers, the Nicolaitans, Hymeneus, Philetus, and others: <b>and shall deceive many:</b> as they all of them had their followers, and large numbers of them, whose faith was subverted by them; and who followed their pernicious ways, being imposed upon and seduced by their fair words, specious pretences, and licentious practices. Jesus was referring to His believing disciples who heeded His warning to flee Jerusalem and Judea when they saw the Roman army advancing. Every Jewish Christian was saved from death by the hands of the Romans!

Luke explains Daniel 9:27, "the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate" **John Gill:**

**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation,**

"From signs, Christ proceeds to the immediate cause of the destruction of Jerusalem; which was, "the abomination of desolation", or the desolating abomination; or that abominable thing, which threatened and brought desolation upon the city, temple, and nation: by which is meant, not any statue placed in the temple by the Romans, or their order; not the golden eagle which Herod set upon the temple gate, for that was before Christ said these words; nor the image of Tiberius Caesar, which Pilate is said to bring into the temple; for this, if true, must be about this time; whereas Christ cannot be thought to refer to anything so near at hand; much less the statue of Adrian, set in the most holy place, which was an hundred and thirty years and upwards, after the destruction of the city and temple; nor the statue of Titus, who destroyed both, which does not appear: ever to be set up, or attempted; nor of Caligula, which, though ordered, was prevented being placed there: but the Roman army is designed; see ( Luke 21:20 ) which was the (Mmvm Myuwqv Pnk) , "the wing", or "army of abominations making desolate", ( Daniel 9:27 ) . Armies are called wings, ( Isaiah 8:8 ) and the Roman armies were desolating ones to the Jews, and to whom they were an abomination; not only because they consisted of Heathen men, and uncircumcised persons, but chiefly because of the images of their gods, which were upon their ensigns: for images and idols were always an abomination to them; so the "filthiness" which Hezekiah ordered to be carried out of the holy place, ( 2 Chronicles 29:5 ) is by the Targum called, ((aqwxyr) , "an abomination"; and this, by the Jewish writers F23, is said to be an idol, which Ahaz had placed upon the altar; and such was the abomination of desolation, which Antiochus caused to be set upon the altar:

"Now the fifteenth day of the month Casleu, in the hundred forty and fifth year, they set up the abomination of desolation upon the altar, and builded idol altars throughout the cities of Juda on every side;" ( 1 Maccabees 1:54)

And so the Talmudic writers, by the abomination that makes desolate, in ( Daniel 12:11 ) ( 9:27 ) to which Christ here refers, understand an image, which they say F24 one Apostomus, a Grecian general, who burnt their law, set up in the temple. Now our Lord observes, that when they should see the Roman armies encompassing Jerusalem, with their ensigns flying, and these abominations on them, they might conclude its desolation was near at hand; and he does not so much mean his apostles, who would be most of them dead, or in other countries, when this would come to pass; but any of his disciples and followers, or any persons whatever, by whom should be seen this desolating abomination, **spoken of by Daniel the prophet:**

not in ( Daniel 11:31 ) which is spoken of the abomination in the times of Antiochus; but either in ( Daniel 12:11 ) or rather in ( Daniel 9:27 ) since this desolating abomination is that, which should follow the cutting off of the Messiah, and the ceasing of the daily sacrifice. It is to be observed, that Daniel is here called a prophet, contrary to what the Jewish writers say F25, who deny him to be one; though one of F26 no inconsiderable note among them affirms, that he attained to the end, (yyawbnh lwbgh) , "of the prophetic border", or the ultimate degree of prophecy: when therefore this that Daniel, under a spirit of prophecy, spoke of should be seen,

**standing in the holy place;**

near the walls, and round about the holy city Jerusalem, so called from the sanctuary and worship of God in it; and which, in process of time, stood in the midst of it, and in the holy temple, and destroyed both; then

**whoso readeth, let him understand:**

that is, whoever then reads the prophecy of Daniel; will easily understand the meaning of it, and will see and know for certain, that now it is accomplished; and will consider how to escape the desolating judgment, unless he is given up to a judicial blindness and hardness of heart; which was the case of the greater part of the nation.

15 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:)

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem  
compassed with armies, then know that  
the desolation thereof is nigh.

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

21 Then let them which are in Judæa flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For **these be the days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for **there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people**.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Luke clearly defines the “great tribulation” of Matthew 24 as “days of vengeance” and “great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people – the Jews who rejected Jesus as the Messiah.

**John Gill: Then let them which be in Judea**

When this signal is given, let it be taken notice of and observed; let them that are in the city of Jerusalem, depart out of it; or who are in any other parts of Judea, in any of the towns, or cities thereof; let them not betake themselves to Jerusalem, imagining they may be safe there, in so strong and fortified a place, but let them flee elsewhere; see ( Luke 21:21 ) and accordingly it is observed, that many did flee about this time; and it is remarked by several interpreters, and which Josephus F1 takes notice of with surprise, that Cestius Gallus having advanced with his army to Jerusalem, and besieged it, on a sudden, without any cause, raised the siege, and withdrew his army, when the city might have been easily taken; by which means a signal was made; and an opportunity given to the Christians, to make their escape: which they accordingly did, and went over Jordan, as Eusebius says F2, to a place called Pella; so that when Titus came a few mouths after, there was not a Christian in the city, but they had fled as they are here bidden to

**flee into the mountains;** or any places of shelter and refuge: these are mentioned particularly, because they are usually such; and design either the mountains in Judea, or in the adjacent countries. The Syriac and Persic versions read in the singular number, “into the mountain”; and it is reported that many of them did fly, particularly to Mount Libanus

**John Gill: And except those days should be shortened**

That is, those days of tribulation which commenced at the siege of Jerusalem; and therefore cannot refer to the times before it, and the shortening of them by it, which were very dreadful and deplorable through the murders and robberies of the cut-throats and zealots; but to those after the siege began, which were very distressing to those that were within; and which, if they had not been shortened, or if the siege had been lengthened out further,

**there should no flesh be saved;**

not one Jew in the city of Jerusalem would have been saved; they must everyone have perished by famine, or pestilence, or sword, or by the intestine wars and murders among themselves: nor indeed, if the siege had continued, would it have fared better with the inhabitants of the other parts of the country, among whom also many of the same calamities prevailed and spread themselves; so that, in all likelihood, if these days had been continued a little longer, there had not been a Jew left in all the land.

**But for the elect's sake;**

those who were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to believe in him, and to be saved by him with an everlasting salvation; both those that were in the city, or, at least, who were to spring from some that were there, as their immediate offspring, or in future ages, and therefore they, and their posterity, must not be cut off; and also those chosen ones, and real believers, who were at Pella, and in the mountains, and other places, for the sake of these, and that they might be delivered from these pressing calamities,

**those days shall be shortened:**

for otherwise, if God had not preserved a seed, a remnant, according to the election of grace, that should be saved, they had been as Sodom and as Gomorrah, not one would have escaped. The shortening of those days is not to be understood literally, as if the natural days, in which this tribulation was, were to be shorter than usual. The Jews indeed often speak of the shortening of days in this sense, as miraculously done by God: so they say, that

“five miracles were wrought for our father Jacob, when he went from Beersheba to go to Haran. The first miracle was, that, “the hours of the day were shortened for him”, and the sun set before its time, because his word desired to speak with him.”

They also say,

“that the day in which Ahaz died, was shortened ten hours, that they might not mourn for him; and which afterwards rose up, and in the day that Hezekiah was healed, ten hours were added to it.”

But the meaning here is, that the siege of Jerusalem, and the calamities attending it, should be sooner ended: not than God had determined, but than the sin of the Jews deserved, and the justice of God might have required in strict severity, and might be reasonably expected, considering the aggravated circumstances of their iniquities. A like manner of speech is used by the Karaite Jews, who say,

“if we walk in our law, why is our captivity prolonged, and there is not found balm for our wounds? and why are not, “the days” of the golden and silver kingdom “lessened”, for the righteousness of the righteous, which were in their days?”

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 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. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.** 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And **then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.** 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

#### John Gill: Immediately after the tribulation of those days

That is, immediately after the distress the Jews would be in through the siege of Jerusalem, and the calamities attending it; just upon the destruction of that city, and the temple in it, with the whole nation of the Jews, shall the following things come to pass; and therefore cannot be referred to the last judgment, or what should befall the church, or world, a little before that time, or should be accomplished in the whole intermediate time, between the destruction of Jerusalem, and the last judgment: for all that is said to account for such a sense, as that it was usual with the prophets to speak of judgments afar off as near; and that the apostles often speak of the coming of Christ, the last judgment, and the end of the world, as just at hand; and that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, will not answer to the word "immediately", or show that that should be understood of two thousand years after: besides, all the following things were to be fulfilled before that present generation, in which Christ lived, passed away, (Matthew 24:34) and therefore must be understood of things that should directly, and immediately take place upon, or at the destruction of the city and temple. **Shall the sun be darkened:** not in a literal but in a figurative sense; and is to be understood not of the religion of the Jewish church; nor of the knowledge of the law among them, and the decrease of it; nor of the Gospel being obscured by heretics and false teachers; nor of the temple of Jerusalem, senses which are given into by one or another; but of the Shekinah, or the divine presence in the temple. The glory of God, who is a sun and a shield, filled the tabernacle, when it was reared up; and so it did the temple, when it was built and dedicated; in the most holy place, Jehovah took up his residence; here was the symbol of his presence, the mercy seat, and the two cherubim over it: and though God had for some time departed from this people, and a voice was heard in the temple before its destruction, saying, "let us go hence"; yet the token of the divine presence remained till the utter destruction of it; and then this sun was wholly darkened, and there was not so much as the outward symbol of it: **and the moon shall not give her light;**

which also is to be explained in a figurative and metaphorical sense; and refers not to the Roman empire, which quickly began to diminish; nor to the city of Jerusalem; nor to the civil polity of the nation; but to the ceremonial law, the moon, the church is said to have under her feet, ( Revelation 12:1 ) so called because the observance of new moons was one part of it, and the Jewish festivals were regulated by the moon; and especially, because like the moon, it was variable and changeable. Now, though this, in right, was abolished at the death of Christ, and ceased to give any true light, when he, the substance, was come; yet was kept up by the Jews, as long as their temple was standing; but when that was destroyed, the daily sacrifice, in fact, ceased, and so it has ever since; the Jews esteeming it unlawful to offer sacrifice in a strange land, or upon any other altar than that of Jerusalem; and are to this day without a sacrifice, and without an ephod: **and the stars shall fall from heaven;**

which phrase, as it elsewhere intends the doctors of the church, and preachers falling off from purity of doctrine and conversation; so here it designs the Jewish Rabbins and doctors, who departed from the word of God, and set up their traditions above it, fell into vain and senseless interpretations of it, and into debates about things contained in their Talmud; the foundation of which began to be laid immediately upon their dispersion into other countries: and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken;

meaning all the ordinances of the legal dispensation; which shaking, and even removing of them, were foretold by ( Haggai 2:6 ) and explained by the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews, ( Hebrews 12:26 Hebrews 12:27 ) whereby room and way were made for Gospel ordinances to take place, and be established; which shall not be shaken, so as to be removed, but remain till the second coming of Christ. The Jews themselves are sensible, and make heavy complaints of the great declensions and alterations among them, since the destruction of the temple; for after having taken notice of the death of several of their doctors, who died a little before, or after that; and that upon their death ceased the honour of the law, the splendour of wisdom, and the glory of the priesthood, they add;

"from the time that the temple was destroyed, the wise men, and sons of nobles, were put to shame, and they covered their heads; liberal men were reduced to poverty; and men of violence and calumny prevailed; and there were none that expounded, or inquired, or asked. R. Elezer the great, said, from the time the sanctuary were destroyed, the wise men began to be like Scribes, and the Scribes like to the Chazans, (or sextons that looked after the synagogues,) and the Chazans like to the common people, and the common people grew worse and worse, and there were none that inquired and asked;" that is, of the wise men there were no scholars, or very few that studied in the law.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

“This generation” is what generation? The generation of Baby Boomers of the 20th century who were born just before or just after Israel was established as a State by the United Nations in 1948? No! Not at all! Jesus was talking to the generation of His disciples who lived 40 more years and witnessed the fulfillment of His prophecy first hand!

#### **John Gill: Heaven and earth shall pass away**

This is either an assertion, which will be true at the end of time; not as to the substance of the heavens and earth, which will always remain, but as to the qualities of them, which will be altered: they will be renewed and refined, but not destroyed; the bad qualities, or evil circumstances, which attend them through the sin of man, will be removed and pass away, but they themselves will continue in being: or is a comparative expression, and the sense is, that the heavens and the earth, and the ordinances thereof, than which nothing can be more firm and strong, being fixed and supported by God himself, shall sooner pass away, than anything asserted and predicted by Christ shall: but my words shall not pass away; be vain and empty, and unaccomplished; which is true of anything, and everything spoken by Christ; and especially here regards all that he had said concerning the calamities that should befall the Jews, before, at, or upon the destruction of their nation, city, and temple; and the design of the expression, is to show the certainty, unalterableness, and sure accomplishment of these things.

#### **John Gill: But of that day and hour knoweth no man**

Which is to be understood, not of the second coming of Christ, the end of the world, and the last judgment; but of the coming of the son of man, to take vengeance on the Jews, and of their destruction; for the words manifestly regard the date of the several things going before, which only can be applied to that catastrophe, and dreadful desolation: now, though the destruction itself was spoken of by Moses and the prophets, was foretold by Christ, and the believing Jews had some discerning of its near approach; see ( Hebrews 10:25 ) yet the exact and precise time was not known:

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 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, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

#### **John Gill: Then shall two be in the field**

About their proper business, of husbandry, ploughing, or sowing, or any other rural employment:

#### **the one shall be taken;**

not by the preaching of the Gospel, into the kingdom of God, or Gospel dispensation; though such a distinction God makes, by the ministry of the word, accompanied by his Spirit and power; nor by angels, to meet Christ in the air, and to be introduced into his kingdom and glory; **but by the eagles, the Roman army, and either killed or carried captive by them:** and the other left; not in a state of nature and unregeneracy, as many are, to whom the Gospel is preached; nor with devils at the last day, to be thrust down by them into the infernal regions; but by the Romans, being by some remarkable providence, or another, delivered out of their hands; which was the case of some few, and these of the meaner sort; and therefore persons of a rural life and occupation are instanced in.

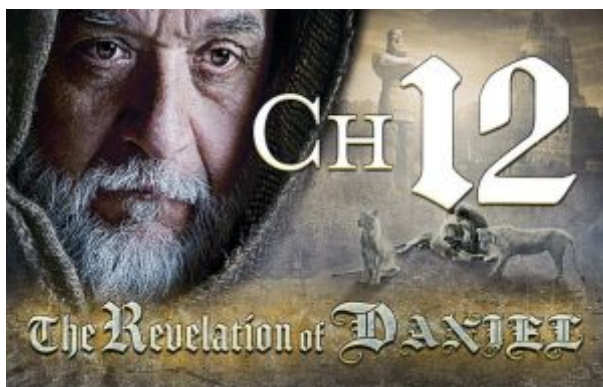


42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

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## [Daniel 12 Explained in the Light of History](#)



The text below is from [Philip Mauro](#)'s book, [THE SEVENTY WEEKS AND THE GREAT TRIBULATION](#).

**MICHAEL THE GREAT PRINCE. THE TIME OF TROUBLE. MANY AWAKENING. MANY RETURNING TO AND FRO. KNOWLEDGE INCREASED. HOW LONG THE END.**

The first four verses of Daniel 12 should not be disconnected from Chapter 11, for they are an integral part of the prophecy, there being no break at all at the place where the chapter division has been made. These concluding verses of the prophecy read as follows:

“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 (lit. cause to be wise) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

These are the last words of the long prophecy, and they bring it to an appropriate climax. They tell what will happen “at that time,” emphasizing this by repetition. This expression connects the passage directly with verse 40 of the preceding Chapter, where the words “at the time of the end” occur. The same words are repeated in verse 4 of Chapter 12, just quoted. There is, therefore, no room to doubt that the events here foretold were to occur during the very last stage of “the latter days” of Jewish history. Moreover, the statement of verse 7, that when the power of the holy people should be scattered, then all these things should be finished, absolutely confines the fulfillment of the entire prophecy to the period anterior to the capture of Jerusalem by Titus. We specially ask attention to the great oath recorded in this verse, and trust that our readers will not miss the meaning of it.

Four things are specified in the passage last quoted. They are:

1. The standing up of Michael, the great prince who stands for the children of Daniel’s people.
2. A time of trouble such as never was at which time those found written in the book were to escape.
3. Many to awake from the dust of the earth, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt, in which connection is given a great promise to those who cause to be wise, and who turn many to righteousness.
4. Many to run to and fro, and knowledge to be increased.

## **Michael the Prince**

Many able and sound expositors hold that Michael is one of the names of the Lord Jesus Christ and hence that this part of the prophecy was fulfilled by His first coming. But the reasons that have been advanced in support of this view do not seem to us sufficient to establish it. This prophecy makes several references to great angelic beings, which are deeply interesting. Thereby it appears that national destinies are in some way presided over, and shaped, by mighty angels; and that Michael is specially charged to care for the interests of the people of God.

Jude speaks of “Michael the archangel” as contending with the devil about the body of Moses (Jude 9); and in (Revelation 12:7), Michael is again seen in conflict with the devil. Paul mentions the archangel (without naming him) as having to do with the resurrection of the saints (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

In Daniel there are three references to Michael, all in this prophecy given by the angel who appeared to Daniel on the banks of the Tigris. The first reference is in (Daniel 10:13,) where the angel says that the prince of the kingdom of Persia had withstood him, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to his aid. Again in the same chapter (Daniel 10:20–21) are the words: "And now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come ... And there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince."

From these words it appears that the political destinies of the great heathen nations of earth are presided over by mighty beings, who are rebels against the authority of God, high potentates in the Kingdom of Satan. None of those angelic beings stands for God "in these things" i.e., the affairs of the world except Michael, the archangel. This is in accord with the words of the Lord Jesus who speaks of the devil as "the prince of this world" (John 14:30, etc.).

Commenting upon Daniel 10:20–21, Dr. Taylor says:

"Then resuming his former theme, the heavenly revealer indicated that he had to return to fight again with the Persian evil angel, and that while he was going forth for (or continuing) that conflict, the prince of Greece would come, and a new battle would begin with him, in which the representative of God's people would be left to his own resources, with the single exception of the assistance of Michael.

"This description of the conflicts in the spirit world between the rival angels foreshadows the opposition encountered by Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah and their compatriots during the reigns of the Persian kings Darius Hystaspes, Xerxes and Artaxerxes, and also that which, at a later time, the descendants of the restorers of Jerusalem met with at the hands of the Syrian representatives of the Greek Empire. It prepares the way, therefore, for the literal statements which follow (Chapter 11) and from which we learn that, while the Persian kingdom lasted, the enmity of the World power to the people of God would be largely restrained, and the monarchs would be either positively favourable to them, or at least indisposed to harm them. But with the Grecian Empire, especially in one of the four divisions into which it was to be broken up, a different course would be pursued, and the descendants of Israel would be reduced by it, for a season, to the most terrible extremities."

There is no revelation of the precise part taken by Michael, the great prince, in the affairs of God's people in the critical days to which this part of the prophecy relates, that is to say, the beginning of New Testament times; for Michael is not mentioned by name in the Gospels or Acts. But it was a time of manifest angelic activity; and we may be sure that Michael had

a leading part in the events which were connected with the coming of Christ into the World. Moreover, we read that "the angel of the Lord" appeared several times to Joseph; that "the angel of the Lord" came to the shepherds on Bethlehem's plain, announcing the birth of the Savior; that "the angel of the Lord" opened the prison doors, setting the apostles free (Acts 5:9), and again released Peter from the prison, into which he had been cast by Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:7); that the same "angel of the Lord" smote that king upon his throne when, upon a great public occasion, he gave not glory to God (Acts 12:23); and the same angel came to Paul at the time of the great shipwreck with God's message of deliverance (Acts 27:23). If this "angel of the Lord" was Michael, then we have many instances of his "standing up," in behalf of the people of God "at that time." But especially at the great crisis of danger the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies, which was particularly and definitely revealed to Daniel would there be need of intervention by those celestial beings who "excel in strength," and no doubt Michael then "stood up" for the deliverance of Daniel's people, even on behalf of "as many as were found written in the book."

It should be stated, in this connection, that the expression "written in the book" had been known since the days of Moses (Exodus 32:32) as a figurative description of those whom the Lord acknowledges as His own.

### **A Time of Trouble Such As Never Was**

The prediction of "a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time," is the last thing in the chain of national events revealed in this prophecy; and in perfect agreement with it is the well known fact that the Jewish nation came to its end with a time of tribulation, distress and sufferings, of a severity beyond anything that was ever heard since the world began. Of this period of unparalleled tribulation Josephus says, in the introduction of his Wars of the Jews:

"It had come to pass that our city Jerusalem had arrived at a higher degree of felicity than any other city under the Roman government, and yet at last fell into the sorest of calamities again. Accordingly it appears to me that the misfortunes of all men from the beginning of the world, if they be compared to those of the Jews, are not so considerable as they were."

The sufferings of the Jews had this peculiar characteristic, namely, that they were mostly inflicted upon themselves by the warring factions within the city, concerning whom Joseph says in another place:

"It is impossible to go distinctly over every instance of these men's iniquity. I shall, therefore, speak my mind here at once briefly: That neither did any other city ever suffer such miseries, nor did any age ever breed a generation more fruitful in wickedness than this was, from the beginning of the world" (Wars V. 10:5).

This "great tribulation" is commonly in our day assigned to the future; and this view was held by the present writer himself until he made a personal study of the question. Our observations on this point, however, belong to the second division of our subject, the Lord's Prophecy on Mount Olivet (Matthew

24), so we will only say at present that so conclusive to our mind is the proof that the "great tribulation" of Matthew 24:21 was the then approaching siege of Jerusalem, that we are bound to believe that competent teachers who relegate it to the future have never examined and weighed the evidence.

Mr. Farquharson on this point says as follows:

"Our Savior certainly referred to the tribulations attendant on the fearful destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersion of the Jewish people by the Roman arms under Titus; and when we understand Daniel's time of trouble as belonging to the same events ... then the whole of his prophecy in Chapter 12 can be easily demonstrated to have received a signal and complete fulfillment in the Advent of Christ, in the deliverance wrought by Him ... in the awakening of men from the death of sin ... in the prophecy itself not being understood until explained by Christ (and then not understood by the unbelieving Jews, but understood by the Christian converts), in the continued impenitence and increasing wickedness of the unbelieving Jews, in the judgments at last sent upon them in the Roman war, in the duration of that war, and in the immediate abatement of the sufferings attending it upon Titus getting unexpected possession of the last strongholds of Jerusalem."

In the last clause of the above quotation the author had in mind the words of Christ "and except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved" (Matthew 24:22), upon all of which deeply interesting matters we hope to comment in the second part of our work.

## **Many Awakening Out of the Dust**

The words "and many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake," etc. are commonly taken as referring to the bodily resurrection of the dead, and this is one reason why the entire passage is frequently relegated to the future. But there is nothing said here about either death or resurrection. On the other hand, it can be abundantly shown that the words "sleep" and "awake" are common figurative expressions for the condition of those who are at first oblivious to the truth of God, but who are aroused by a message from Him out of that condition. Isaiah describes the people of Israel as being under the influence of "the spirit of deep sleep" (Isaiah 29:10); and again he says, "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), which words are declared by the evangelist to have been fulfilled by the personal ministry of Christ in Israel (Matthew 4:14-16). Paul paraphrases another word of Isaiah (Isaiah 60:1) as having the meaning, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians 5:14). And the Lord Himself declared that the era of this spiritual awakening had come, when He said, "The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live" (John 5:25). In both these last two passages the reference is to those who were spiritually dead, as all would agree.

The whole nation of Israel was "awakened" out of a sleep of centuries through the ministry of John the Baptist, followed by that of the Lord Himself, and lastly by that of the apostles and evangelists, who "preached the gospel unto them with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." It will be observed that the prophecy does not indicate that those who are "awakened" shall all be saved. On the contrary, it says that for some the awakening would be "to everlasting life" and for others "to shame and everlasting contempt." In agreement with this is the fact which the Gospels so clearly set forth that, although multitudes came to John's baptism, and "all men mused in their hearts concerning him," and while multitudes also followed Christ because of the miracles done by Him, and for the sake of the loaves and fishes, yet the outcome was that Israel was divided into two classes, those who "received Him," and those who "received Him not." Thus "there was a division because of Him." His own words distinguish the two classes: "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the Name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). The former class awoke to "everlasting life" (John 3:16), and the latter "to shame and everlasting contempt" (John 3:36).

To the same effect the apostle John writes: "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). These, though awakened, refused to meet Christ's simple conditions of salvation by confessing Him (Matthew 10:32); therefore they awoke unto "shame," even as He Himself declared, when He said: "For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me, and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels" (Luke 9:26).

The next verse of the prophecy strongly confirms the view we are now presenting; for there we have mention of the reward of those who "cause to be wise," and who "turn many to righteousness." What class of persons could possibly be meant but those who spread the truth of the gospel? There are none others, and never will be others, who cause their fellows to be "wise" unto salvation, and "who turn many" from sin "to righteousness." Seeing, therefore, that we have the awakening foretold in verse 2 connected closely with a clear reference to those who preach the gospel of Christ, we have good reason to conclude that the passage had its fulfillment in that great and wonderful era of Jewish national existence, "the time of the end" thereof, during which Christ was announced and manifested, was rejected and crucified, was raised up and glorified, and finally was preached to the whole nation in the power of the Holy Ghost.

The nature of the reward promised to those "who cause to be wise" and "who turn many to righteousness" helps also to illustrate the meaning of the passage. These are to shine as the brightness of the firmament and as the stars forever and ever. This reminds us that the people of God are to let their light shine before men, and that they are "the light of the world." In holding forth the word of life they "shine as lights in the world." Once they were darkness, but now are they "light in the Lord;" and their reward shall be to shine as the stars for ever and ever; for as "one star differeth from

another star in glory, so also is the resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:41-42).

## **Many Shall Run To and Fro**

Various meanings have been assigned to the words "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." These words bring the prophecy to an end; and it is not difficult to see the resemblance they bear to the final words of the first Gospel, "Go ye, teach (or make disciples of) all nations." Another Gospel records their obedience to this command; for it is written that "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them" (Mark 16:20).

The word "run" in Daniel 12:4 is not the usual word for the action of running. Strong's Concordance says it means primarily to push, hence to travel or go about. What helps fix the meaning is that, in nearly all its occurrences in the Bible, it is joined, as here, with the words "to and fro," which signify a complete covering of the ground. Thus, the prophet said to King Asa, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth" (2 Chronicles 16:9). Jeremiah says, "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek," etc. (Jeremiah 5:1); and again, "Lament, and run to and fro by the hedges" (Jeremiah 49:3). Amos says, "They shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it" (Amos 8:12), this being just the reverse of the Word of the Lord seeking after them. Zechariah also has the expression, "They are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth" (Zechariah 4:10), signifying His discerning presence in every place.

By these scriptures, therefore, it appears that the words we are considering are most appropriate to describe that worldwide activity in spreading the truth of the gospel which the Lord specially pressed upon His disciples, and to which the apostle Paul refers in the words, "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:14-15, quoting Isaiah 52:7). The gospel messenger is frequently figured as one who runs, because of the urgency of the tidings he bears (Habakkuk 2:2-3).

And what was the purpose, and what the result of this going forth of the disciples to every part of the world with the gospel? It was the increase of knowledge; and certainly, in such a prophecy, it is the knowledge of the true God that is spoken of (John 17:4; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Colossians 1:10). The world lay in the darkness of ignorance. Paul describes those times as "the times of this ignorance," wherein even the cultivated Athenians erected an altar to "the Unknown God" (Acts 17:23-30); and God Himself had said, even of the Jews, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). Thus we see the direct relation of the two clauses, "Many shall run to and fro," and "knowledge shall be increased," and how both are clearly fulfilled in the activities of the first gospel preachers.

As to this Mr. Farquharson remarks:

"The Divine 'knowledge,' which the apostles and first Christians ran to and fro to communicate to all nations, maintains, and ever will maintain, a lofty and unapproachable superiority over all the knowledge that man can discover for himself ... In this way then the prediction of Daniel was literally fulfilled. The day spring of true knowledge from on high waited upon the footsteps of the apostles of Christ, as they traversed the Gentile world, dispelling darkness, and doubt and fear, and diffusing light, and confidence and joy over every condition of human life."

Thus understood, the words "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," bring the prophecy to a most appropriate conclusion, and one that is strictly in keeping with its announced purpose, and with its purport as a whole; whereas, to make those words refer to the multiplication of rapidly moving conveyances, as rail road trains, automobiles, etc., and to the spread of "education" by means of schools, colleges, and books, is to introduce into the prophecy an element that is incongruous, almost to the point of absurdity.

## **How Long the End?**

With Chapter 12:4, the long prophecy, which had proceeded without interruption and without passing over any important event in the history of "the latter days" of the Jewish people, comes to an end. But a remarkable incident follows, and it affords help to the understanding of this part of the prophecy. At this point Daniel looked and beheld two others besides the one clothed in linen, which two were standing the one on the one side, and the other on the other side of the bank of the river (the Tigris). And thereupon one of these two put to the man who was clothed in linen a question, to which evidently it was desired that special attention be paid. Furthermore, the reply was given by the man in linen in the most solemn and impressive manner; for in replying he held up both hands to heaven, and swore by Him Who liveth forever. This further goes to show that we have here a matter of exceptional importance. Let us then give special heed to it.

The question was, "How long the end of these wonders?" In quoting it thus we have omitted the words, "shall it be to," which the translators have supplied, and which materially change the sense. We have seen that the expression "the time of the end" means, not the actual termination, but the period of time at the very end, the last stage of the entire era of the renewed national life of Israel. Evidently it is the duration of that "time of trouble," spoken of in verse 1, and concerning which the Lord Himself when on earth was so deeply distressed and grieved, as we shall point out more particularly hereafter. It is the same period as that to which He was referring when He said, "these be the days of vengeance that all things that are written may be fulfilled" (Luke 21:22); and again, "And except those days be shortened there should no flesh be saved, but for the elects' sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:22). So it is concerning the duration of those days of unparalleled distress for Israel that the question was asked.



Let us then note carefully the reply of the one clothed in linen, which was in these words, "that it shall be for a time, times, and a half (or apart, margin); and when He shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished" (verse 7).

Here we have information, very clearly stated, which, if we give heed thereto, will make perfectly plain to us the time when this entire prophecy was to be fulfilled. For the celestial messenger, in answering the question, made known first what would be the duration of the closing period of "trouble such as never was," and second what was to be the end of the whole series of events, "all these things," predicted in the entire prophecy. The words are clear and precise. They tell us that the last act of all was to be the scattering of the power of the holy people, and that when God had accomplished that, and then would "all these things be finished." To the same effect are the words of Christ, Who, in telling His disciples what the very end of those "days of vengeance" would be, said that "they shall be led away captive into all nations" (Luke 21:24).

This makes it certain that the entire prophecy spoken to Daniel by the one clothed in linen, including the time of trouble such as never was, and the awakening of many from the dust of the earth, was fulfilled at and prior to the destruction of Jerusalem, and the scattering of the power of the holy people by the Romans in A.D. 70. It also affords substantial help in understanding the Lord's discourse on Mount Olivet, to which we will shortly come.

## **A Time, Times and A Part**

But before the scattering of the holy people a judgment which Moses had predicted (see Deuteronomy 28:49–68, and particularly the words, "And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even to the other," verse 64) a certain period of extreme distress, "the days of vengeance," was to run. This is given by the angel as "a time, times, and a part," which is understood by nearly all expositors to be three full years and a part (not necessarily the half) of a fourth. But no event was mentioned from which this era of three years and a fraction was to run. So Daniel says, "I heard, but I understood not;" and therefore he asks, "What shall be the end of these things?" (Daniel 12:6)

In replying to this question the one clothed in linen gave information additional to that asked for; but we will notice first what he said in direct reply to Daniel's question. This is found in Daniel 12:11–12) where we read: "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth (i.e., survives, or endures) and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days."

It is to be noted that the two measures of time here given, 1290 days and 1335 days, both fall within the period of three years and a part, given in verse 7 as the full measure of the time of the end. This tends still further

to confirm the view that by "a time, times, and a part" is meant three full rounds of the annual feasts of the Jews, and part of a fourth.

It will further be seen from this answer that Daniel's question had reference to the very last epoch of Jewish history; for it was in that very last stage of their national existence that the daily sacrifice was caused to cease, which was by them regarded (when it came to pass in the days of the siege of Jerusalem, as we shall presently show) the harbinger of some dire calamity.

## **The Taking Away of the Daily Sacrifice**

We take the marginal reading (which is the more literal) as giving the sense, the words of the margin being "and to set up the abomination," etc. This reading would make the 1290 days the measure of time between the two specified events. But we have lately seen an interpretation, based on the text of the A.V., which makes the taking away of the daily sacrifice, and the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate, simultaneous events, both governed by the preposition "from." But this obviously leaves the verse without meaning; for it gives a measure of time from two specified events, without stating to what that measure brings us.

The "daily sacrifice" was the sacrifice of a lamb every morning and evening. This was to be kept up by the children of Israel throughout all their generations, and a special promise was given upon condition that this offering be continued (Exodus 29:38-45). (It should be observed that the causing of the sacrifice and oblation to cease, as foretold in Daniel 9:27, is a very different thing.)

Now, as a matter of historic fact, the daily sacrifice was taken away during the siege of Jerusalem; and this was counted by the Jews an event of such importance, and such a portent of approaching disaster, that Josephus has recorded the very date on which it occurred, saying:

"And now Titus gave orders to his soldiers that were with him to dig up the foundations of the tower of Antonia, and make a ready passage for his army to come up, while he himself had Josephus brought to him; for he had been informed that, on that very day, which was the seventeenth day of Panemus, the sacrifice called 'the daily sacrifice' had failed, and had not been offered to God for want of men to offer it; and that the people were grievously troubled at it" (Wars, VI. 2.1.).

The Roman army, which, by comparison of the Lord's words in (Matthew 24:15-16 Luke 21: 20-21,) is clearly seen to be "the abomination which maketh desolate," encompassed Jerusalem before the failure of the daily sacrifice; whereas it might appear from the wording of the prophecy that those events occurred in the reverse order. But Mr. Farquharson shows that "there is nothing whatever in the verbs of the sentence to indicate which of the events should precede the other; the interval of time between them only is expressed."

The first approach of the Roman armies under Cestius is described by Josephus in his book of Wars, II.17, 10. This was in the month corresponding to our

November, A.D. 66. The taking away of the daily sacrifice was in the month Panemus, corresponding to the Hebrew Tammuz, and our July, A.D. 70 (Hartwell Horne's Chronological Table). Thus the measure of time between the two events was three years, and part of a fourth.

But more than this: the measure 1290 days is exactly 43 great months (30 days each, according to the Hebrew method of reckoning), and inasmuch as their practice was to reckon by even weeks, months, and years the fulfillment of this part of the prophecy is seen in the fact that it is just 43 even months between the two events, ignoring the parts of the two months in which the events severally occurred.

In verse 12 those are pronounced "blessed," or happy, who survive a further period of 45 days, and thus come to the 1335 days. In correspondence with this is the recorded fact that, about a month and a half after the daily sacrifice failed, the siege was ended by Titus' getting sudden and unexpected possession of the upper city, the last stronghold of the besieged. This last action took place, according to Josephus, the seventh day of the Hebrew month Elul, answering to our September; so that the further duration of the siege after the failure of the daily sacrifice was approximately one month and a half (Wars, VI 8, 4, 5).

That those days were "shortened" (as the Lord had promised) by some Divine interference, is indicated by the abrupt and unexpected manner in which the last stronghold fell. Josephus tells how the "tyrants" (the dominant faction in the city):

"Did now wholly deprive themselves of the security they had in their own power, and came down from those very towers of their own accord, wherein they could never have been taken by force. ... They left those towers of themselves; or rather they were ejected out of them by God Himself ... The Romans, when they had gotten on the last wall without any bloodshed, could hardly believe what they found to be true" (ibid).

As regards the promised blessing of verse 12 (Daniel 12:12), it may be observed that Titus immediately extended clemency to the survivors and he set free those who had been bound by the tyrants (Wars, VI, 9, 1).

But we agree with Farquharson that blessing of a higher sort is here intended. For we would recall words of like import spoken by the Lord when, referring to the same period of unequalled distress, He said, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13). As to this Mr. Farquharson says:

"Unquestionably this is His promise to the faithful and persevering and obedient in all ages of His Church; but, as being comprehended in His prediction of the destruction of Jerusalem, it has special reference to those who should endure under the trials peculiar to the last great war, in which that city was to be trodden down. Those trials, He intimated, would be very severe. He said, 'There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great

signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.'"

But to those who should endure all those trials there was the assurance of special blessing.

In concluding our comments under this heading we would observe that, in Daniel's deep concern regarding this time of "the end," as to which he inquired with such anxiety, we see a further and a convincing reason for the view that the period in question was that of the unparalleled calamities which were to accompany the extinction of his nation and the destruction of the beloved city, as foretold also in the preceding prophecy of the Seventy Weeks. It is most unlikely that Daniel would have evinced such concern regarding the end of some far off Gentile dispensation characterized by the wide diffusion of secular knowledge, and by the many automobiles and other swiftly moving conveyances of this present time. Daniel had the spirit of the Lord Himself in showing acute sorrow because of the unequaled distresses which were to befall his people and their holy city and temple.

### **The Period of Three And A Half Years**

In commenting upon the period of three and a half years, and upon the various theories to which it has given rise, Dr. Taylor says:

"We cannot pass this note of number without remarking on the singular coincidences presented by its frequent occurrence both in history and prophecy. The drought in the days of Elijah lasted three years and six months. The little horn which appeared on the head of the fourth beast was to have the saints given into his hands 'until a time, and times, and the dividing of time.' The public ministry of the Messiah was to continue for half a week (or heptad) of years; that is, for three years and a half. His Gospel was to be preached to the Jews after His ascension for another half heptad before it was proclaimed to the Gentiles. Then, in the Book of Revelation, it is said that the woman shall be nourished in the wilderness 'for a time and times and a half a time,' and that the holy city should be trodden under foot forty and two months, which are three and a half years.<sup>1</sup> "Now all these are marvelous coincidences, and they point to the existence of some hidden harmony which has not yet been discovered. I might add that three and a half is the half of the number seven, which (found in the week) has been recognized as the symbol of completeness. The sacred lamp has seven branches; the seventh was the Sabbatic year; and at the end of seven sevens came the Jubilee. So also the seventy years of the captivity were made the basis of the seven seventies of years which were to run their course from the time when the edict to rebuild Jerusalem went forth until the appearance of the Messiah upon the earth. I do not know what to make of all this. I frankly acknowledge that it baffles me to find a reason for it. I merely state the fact,

and leave you to ponder it for yourselves, that you may learn how much there is, not only in prophecy, but also in history, which lies beyond our ken ...

“If any choose to regard all this as being not only applicable to Antiochus, but also through him, as typical of the New Testament Antichrist, and should take the days of the history of the one for years in the history of the other, I have only to say that I find nothing, either here or in the New Testament, to sanction such a procedure. For me, the interpretation which I have endeavored to give is sufficient. They who go further leave the domain of certainty for that of speculation, and the very number of their conflicting opinions is a warning to every expositor not to venture beyond his depth into these dark waters. For myself, I am content to stand upon the shore and wait, like him to whom were first addressed these reassuring words, ‘Go thy way; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.’”

<sup>1</sup> Also God's two witnesses (Revelation 11:3) are to prophecy a thousand two hundred and threescore days (the same period stated in terms of days): and of the ten-horned Beast it is said that power would be given unto him to continue forty and two months. (Revelation 13:5.)

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