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“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.”

“Behold, I have told you before.”
Matthew 24:24,25

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Many of you won't know who I am... Let me quickly introduce myself.

I'm a man who used to identify my worth in what I created – I was a dancer, a choreographer, a sound designer, a musician, a father of two wonderful boys... I recognised my worth in many ways, but I struggled to truly identify with being God's child.

Throughout my journey I've had many successes, as perceived through the eyes of the world, and I have failed miserably, as seen through that same lens.

“...to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little.”

Luke 7:47

I have been forgiven much and my love is strong, though through my selfishness I have hurt many. I have asked for the Lord's forgiveness and, with His help, I'm turning from my sins. I accept the forgiveness of my Heavenly Father and, thankfully by the gift of His grace, there remains little in me that wishes to condemn.

I was raised to know Jesus and the salvation we have in Him. I remember first giving my heart to Him in my primary school years and I recall many times bushwalking with my best friend as we walked and talked for hours about the wonders of it all, not to mention the many lively science classroom discussions we had with our high school friends over the years.

Sadly, as I moved further into my artistic pursuits, I pushed the promises of Jesus further from my heart and eventually placed Him on the bookshelf in my mind.

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Remarkably though, I've never kept my bible on the physical shelf for too long. Rather, it's remained open in my hands often as I've continued to read and study - albeit for the many years that I understood it not, for my unbelief... but God has a remarkable way of reaching His children.

Over the years Jesus has been continually opening my eyes to His Word and, through the Holy Spirit, a particular message of truth has been beckoning for my understanding.

I believe God is now giving me ears to hear His message and the time has now come to share that message with you.

It's a message of warning and a message of hope.



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“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Revelation 12:7-9

I believe the term ‘mystery’ adequately expresses our inability to comprehend how pride overtook Lucifer, a perfect angel in a perfect heaven, leading him to eventually accuse God of being unjust, convince one third of God’s angels (Rev 12:4) that he knew better and to say in his heart...

“I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will be like the most high.”

Isaiah 14:13,14

Though it’s a mystery as to how sin arose in a perfect world, it remains that Satan and his angels, who have been “cast to the earth”, are busy seeding iniquity (lawlessness) in the world (2 Thess 2:7).

Since the fall of Adam and Eve, Satan has made claim to the earth, attempting to establish his kingdom here on earth, while continuing to accuse God of being unjust and attacking His Law.

So why does God put up with it?

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Firstly, it's important to remember that nothing has taken God by surprise. Though it remains a mystery to us how and why sin was allowed to enter the heart of Lucifer, a perfect angel in a perfect heaven, we can, to some degree, understand that "God is love" (1 John 4:16), and that His Love is expressed through His gift of 'free-will' - the same free-will that was extended to Lucifer.

Although, through God's gift of free-will, Lucifer and one-third of the heavenly host were free to rebel and turn their backs on God as Lord of creation, the question still remains... Why hasn't God destroyed Lucifer and his angels now that their rebellion has displayed the "rotten fruits" that it has?... for it was a "war" that "broke out in heaven" (Rev 12:7), a war that remains here on earth.

Considering that one-third of the heavenly host were convinced by Lucifer that God was unjust, and that Lucifer could do better, if God were to destroy them from the onset, then the remaining faithful of God's creation would inevitably worship God out of fear, wondering within themselves if there was any truth in what Lucifer propagated. In this scenario we can imagine that sin would eventually rise again.

As a just and true God, our Father understands, as with Satan, that Satan must be given an equitable chance to demonstrate that his way is better and that he is indeed worthy of worship from the human race. However, Satan has failed miserably, as sin has utterly consumed him, and he's fully aware that Jesus was victorious at the cross, in which we have our salvation, and that his demise is imminent.

"All who knew you are appalled at your fate. You have come to a terrible end, and you will exist no more."

Ezekiel 28:19

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Knowing that he will eventually cease to exist, Satan, consumed by sin, has turned on God's people in an attempt to lead them also towards their own demise. This persecution by Satan upon God's people, upon His Church, was foretold and we should take heed...

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*."

Revelation 12:13

Satan, the devil, has chosen to embrace sin and is indeed the leading figure against Christ. He "...abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44). However, the big picture, the *true enemy*, is sin itself. That's one reason why God has said that mankind must not...

"...put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever" and "placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Genesis 3:22:24

God does not desire for us to live eternally in sin. So, in order for sin to be cast away eternally, never again to rise in the hearts of God's children, all of God's creation must witness the horrific end sin leads to and, through God's wrath, witness and embrace His disdain for sin. Sadly, however, we will live through this turmoil...

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

Matthew 24:21

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“...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time...”

Daniel 12:1

As such, God’s Word teaches us that He will soon remove his hand of protection from amongst those who have turned their back on Him...

“...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that **they should believe a lie...**”

2 Thessalonians 2:10,11

As God is Just, for a brief moment in earth’s history, He will give sinful people the fruits of their desires, to a degree, in order to demonstrate the irrefutable evil of sin - something that we have yet to witness. Sadly, this will result in a time that...

“...except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved”

Matthew 24:22

In His same Justness, God will also allow, for a brief moment, Satan the ability to perform more powerful “signs and lying wonders” (2Thes 2:9) in order to...

“...deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do...”

Revelation 13:14

Leading the world into a brief, yet powerful deceptive period, through which Satan will literally impersonate Christ and forcefully incite followers in his worship. In his final attempt of deception, Satan...

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“...opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

2 Thessalonians 2:4

This prophecy has already been fulfilled in ‘type’ (a symbolic fulfilment) through the “first beast” of Revelation 13, to which we’ll discuss a little later. However, in its final fulfilment this prophecy teaches us that Satan will be “revealed in his time” (2Thess 2:6).

This time of Satan’s revealing and his final blasphemous stand in the guise of Christ are intrinsically presented to us in God’s Word, if we would but prayerfully and humbly allow the Scriptures to interpret themselves as we are guided by the Holy Spirit. And, although I would argue that all things are done in God’s time and that His Word, the Bible, should be our only measure of truth, Satan, in his egotistically driven heart, has chosen to inform and teach his “disciples”, through the channelled occult writings of Alice A. Bailey, of his plans to manifest himself as Christ on earth soon after 2025, thus being “revealed in his time” (2Thes 2:6).

As we stand, “...of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man” (Mark 13:32), but indeed I’m happy to proclaim that Jesus is coming again very soon - it saddens me, though, that we must first have “a falling away” (2Thes 2:3) and period of such great deception that...

“...if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

Jesus continues...

“Behold, I have told you before.”

Matthew 24:24,25

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Indeed, Jesus *has* told us before, and when asked by His disciples, "...what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Mat 24:3), Jesus' first response was...

"Take heed that no man deceives you."

Matthew 24:4

Since Adam and Eve, Satan has been seeding deception into the world through mankind, in order to both destroy God's people and to acquire their worship. Within his many lies, Satan has brought distortion upon God's Word and has been preparing the world to welcome him with open arms.



some thoughts
 Before We Continue

Before you continue reading,
 I feel it's important for me to mention a few things.

You may find several aspects raised in this book to be theologically and emotionally challenging. I understand. If this is the case, then I encourage you to be patient and to dive deep into God's Word to test and qualify what it is that I have shared.

As you may have already determined, I believe in *sola scriptura*, which means "by scripture alone". This doesn't mean excluding all extra-biblical texts, but rather that all things must be tested via Scripture, as God's inspired Word, the Bible, and will always be the final authority...

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

When the Apostle Paul writes "profitable for doctrine" we may rush by these words and not really grasp what that truly means. However, we are warned that turning away from "sound doctrine" results in us turning to "fables" or "lies", if you will.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And **they shall turn away *their ears* from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.**"
 2 Timothy 4:3,4

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Simply put, a “doctrine” is a particular biblical truth that encompasses a set of beliefs or a body of teachings. Sadly, this word “doctrine” has almost become a taboo word amongst Christians, as I’ve often heard it expressed that we should “put doctrine aside and simply follow Jesus” – but can we do such a thing? Can we put biblical doctrine in the metaphorical bin when we are repeatedly warned throughout the New Testament that to do so will lead us into deception?

In these pages, I will be discussing certain biblical doctrines and their importance as we grow nearer to Christ’s return. I’m sure that some of you will indeed be challenged by what I have to share, to which I’d encourage you to please study things out for yourself, always remembering that the Bible is our final authority, for we’ve been warned that...

“...in the latter times some shall depart from the faith,
giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils**”
1 Timothy 4:1

Thank you for taking the time to read what I’m sharing

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chapter one

Satan's First Lie

I believe, without any doubt in my heart, that Jesus is returning very soon, and this truly brings me hope, joy and a sense of humble awe that excites my very bones.

It's true that there was a time that the thought of Christ's return was not so welcoming. Not only because I knew I was unprepared, but also because I felt that my children and I would be robbed of the opportunities of this life – as if what God has prepared for us in life-eternal wouldn't compare to the successes of this world.

I don't think this way anymore, for I believe God's Word that says no "...eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor 2:9). This clearly speaks to me of the amazing beauty, joy and splendour that transcends our ability to even comprehend.

However, with the soon return of Christ comes a very dire warning about deception – and this is the heart of my message - for yes, when the disciples asked Jesus "...when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matt 24:3), Jesus' first words were...

"Take heed that no man **deceives** you."

Matthew 24:4

But Jesus didn't stop there, for he continued to warn us that prior to His return there "...shall be great tribulation, **such as was not since the beginning of the world** to this time, no, nor ever shall be", and that "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**" (Matt 24:21,24).

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“Behold, I have told you before.”
Jesus declared (Matt 24:25)

Yes, deception is the name of Satan’s game, and we are indeed headed for “great signs and wonders” employed to deceive us on a grand scale. But God, in His Devine Wisdom, has given us His Word that we might dispel such “lying wonders” (2Thes 2:9) with “it is written”.

In the face of Satan’s temptations in the wilderness, after forty days of fasting and being exceedingly hungry, Jesus stood firmly upon the written word of God, declaring scriptural truths that kept Him on spiritually solid ground.

“...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
Matthew 4:4

As with Jesus, we must turn to God’s Word in order to comprehend and stand against the coming deception. But His Word needs to be firmly grounded within us for, just as Jesus was “hungry”, so shall we be driven by our desires. As such, we are clearly given by what measure we determine darkness...

“To the law and to the testimony: **if they speak not according to this word, it is because *there is no light in them.***” Isaiah 8:20

As such, with God’s Word as our guide, we can identify how we have already been deceived and how that deception has been paving a way to making us vulnerable to a bigger lie.

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I would therefore like to start that journey by addressing the first lie that was ever told mankind. A lie that, whether you're aware of it or not, has played a foundational role in establishing many false doctrines.

"And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die...**"

Genesis 3:4

This was the first lie that Satan used to deceive mankind, to which Christians would all be in agreement that it *is* indeed a lie, for it clearly contradicts God who told Adam that if he ate of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" then...

"thou **shalt surely die.**"

Genesis 2:17

Yet, despite our knowing that Satan has lied to us, contradicting God's word by saying that we "surely will **not** die", is it possible that many Christians today have fallen for this lie?

Please let me explain...

Whether you're familiar with the term or not, a large proportion of Christians today believe in the 'immortality of the soul' – Meaning that most Christians believe that when we "die", that being the death of our physical bodies, we actually **don't die** because our cognitively conscious and aware selves, in spiritual form, are immediately taken up to Heaven.

This false doctrine proves Satan's lie to be true, while God's truth remains that our loved ones are "asleep" in death, awaiting the resurrection at Christ's return.

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“So man lieth down, and **riseth not**: till the heavens *be* no more,
they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.”

Job 14:12

Often, we tell ourselves that our loved ones, who have passed, are now in heaven looking down on us, but is this what the Bible actually teaches, or is this simply a “fable”, as Paul warned us about in 2nd Timothy 4:3,4?

Now, please understand that I’m fully aware of the emotional relationship we may hold to the belief that our loved ones are now in heaven, and that this emotional attachment may lead us to grasp hold of scriptural texts that seem to affirm our position, while ignoring clear “thus saith the Lord” statements that teach otherwise.

As a result, we may even choose to close our eyes to the importance of this doctrine, claiming that it’s not a “salvation issue” and we therefore need not concern ourselves with the truth of the matter.

But, again, to do so would deny what Christ has taught us in His Word... a truth that He clearly wants us to understand so that we will not be deceived.

As such, I would like to take some time to look at what the Bible teaches about death and how this clear teaching gives us a firm foundation of truth upon which we can stand, preparing us to hold firm to God’s Word and declare, as Jesus, that “it is written” (Matt 4:4), despite the “signs and lying wonders” (2Thes 2:9) that would convince us otherwise.

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chapter two

Death and Resurrection

In my journey to know God through His Word, I learned that it is imperative that we allow the Bible to interpret itself and not to force external interpretations on Scripture. With this foundation, we are taught that...

“The LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and **man became a living soul.**”
Genesis 2:7

Please don't let this Scripture pass you by unnoticed. For when God created man it was the combination of “dust of the ground” and the “breath of life” that made man *become* “a living soul” or a “living being”, as in other translations.

So, what is the “breath of life”?

“The **Spirit of God** hath made me,
and the **breath of the Almighty** hath given me life.”
Job 33:4

“All the while my **breath is** in me, and the **spirit of God is in my nostrils**; My lips shall not speak wickedness,
nor my tongue utter deceit.”
Job 27:3,4

The “breath of life” *is* the “spirit of God” that gives us life. And death, by biblical definition, is the reversal of creation...

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was:
and the **spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**”
Ecclesiastes 12:7

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When we die, our body returns to the earth and the “spirit of God”, which is the “breath of life”, returns to God “who gave it”.

“His **breath goeth forth**, he returneth to his earth;
in that very day **his thoughts perish.**”

Psalm 146:4

This “breath of life” (Gen 2:7), this “spirit of God” (Job 33:4), that is within us all, breathed into us from our very beginning, is indeed a blessed gift given to us by our Father, through Jesus. It is the very gift of life itself, and our life is the only true gift we can return. As such, as Stephen was being stoned, he was “...calling on *God* and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit” (Acts 7:59).

When we die our body returns “to the earth as it was” and “the spirit” returns “unto God who gave it” (Eccl 12:7), hence, even Jesus who died for our sins “...cried out again with a loud voice and **yielded up His spirit**” (Matt 27:50).

So where are our loved ones now? - According to Jesus they are asleep.

“...Our friend Lazarus **sleepeth**; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

Howbeit **Jesus spake of his death**: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.**” John 11:11-14

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself...

If Lazarus went straight to heaven as a consciously aware spirit, then why would Jesus declare that he was asleep? That Lazarus was dead?

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If Lazarus was in heaven, in perfect paradise, then could it be considered a cruel act for Jesus to bring him back to this sinful earth?

If Lazarus was in heaven, why is there no biblical account of what he experienced? As also with the widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:11-15) and the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:35-42)?

My simple and biblical answer to these questions is that they were not in Heaven. As Jesus clearly stated, Lazarus was sleeping in death awaiting the resurrection. A doctrinal truth that all His followers understood, including Martha who said unto Jesus "I know that he shall rise again in the **resurrection at the last day**" (John 11:24).

In the book of John, Jesus repeated this truth four times...

"And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but **raise them up at the last day.**" John 6:39

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and **I will raise him up at the last day.**" John 6:40

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and **I will raise him up at the last day.**" John 6:44

"Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and **I will raise him up at the last day.**" John 6:54

So, when is the last day?

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“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits;
 afterward **they that are Christ's at his coming.**”

1 Corinthians 15:22-23

“...then all who belong to Christ will be raised **when he comes back.**”

NLT

The “last day”, the time that “all who belong to Christ” who are resurrected from their “sleep”, occurs at the second coming of Christ. This is also the time of the “last trump” ...

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the **dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.”

1 Corinthians 15:52

This time of Christ’s return and the resurrection is clearly taught in 1st Thessalonians...

“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**: 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

The bible clearly teaches that the dead are sleeping the sleep of death, unaware of time itself, for “the dead know nothing” (Eccl 9:5), awaiting the “first resurrection”.

“Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection...”

Revelation 20:6

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Although God's Word is clear on the state of the dead, that they are sleeping until Christ returns, often the "thief on the cross" is cited to refute this doctrinal truth. As such, it would be remiss of me not to quickly address these often-cited passages.

"And he [the thief] said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.""
Luke 23:42,43

The way this reads, both the thief and Jesus died and ascended to heaven that very day. But did Jesus ascend into heaven that very day? For two days later, meeting Mary at the tomb...

"Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am **not yet ascended to my Father**: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."
John 20:17

By Jesus' own admission, he had "not yet ascended" to our heavenly Father. So, what of his promise to the thief on the cross?

Well, the discrepancy is simple. The ancient Greeks did not have an equivalent to our modern device of punctuation, as such the earliest manuscripts contained no punctuation. The text therefore could reasonably read...

"Assuredly, I say to you today, you will be with Me in Paradise."

That is to say... "Assuredly, I say to you today [today, at this horrific moment in time, as I hang here next to you on this cross], you will be with me in paradise."

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Yes, the thief on the cross will be with Jesus in paradise, but it was not to be on that day, for first he's to "sleep in death" (Ps 13:3) until Christ's second-coming, "unto the resurrection of life" (Joh 5:29). And, just as Jesus was resurrected in the flesh, which He clearly made known...

"Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold **my hands**; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into **my side**: and be not faithless, but believing."

John 20:27

...we too shall be resurrected in the flesh.

"...after my body has decayed, yet **in my body** I will see God!"

Job 19:26

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are **in the graves** shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the **resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto the **resurrection of damnation**."

John 5:28,29

Despite popular opinion, the bible gives us a clear understanding that the deceased are "sleeping in death" until either the "resurrection of life" that occurs at Christ's second-coming (1 Cor 15:23), or the "resurrection of damnation" one thousand years later (Rev 20:5).

That being clear, we are also taught that there are some people in heaven now... those being Enoch, who was "translated" (Heb 11:5), Moses, who was resurrected (Jude 1:9), Elijah, who "went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (2 Kings 2:11), and those resurrected at the cross (Matt 27:52).

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As I previously mentioned, I'm fully aware of the emotional relationship we may hold in believing our loved ones are now in heaven, but, in line with what protestant reformer Martin Luther had expressed, if only we could see the true beauty in God's plan of redemption, as we rest in death and then all come to Him together, united in the "first resurrection". Not only would we be more prepared to face the deceptions we'll shortly discuss, but we would find comfort knowing that our loved ones are truly 'resting in peace'.

"Death... in Christ is indeed not death, but a fine, sweet and brief sleep, which brings us release from this vale of tears, from sin and from the fear and extremity of real death and from all the misfortunes of this life, and we shall be secure and without care, rest sweetly and gently for a brief moment, as on a sofa, until the time when He shall awaken us together with all His dear children to His eternal glory and joy... for since we call it a sleep, we know that we shall not remain in it, but be again awakened and live, and that the time during which we sleep shall seem no longer than if we had just fallen asleep." (Martin Luther 1493-1546 - Lenker, J. N. 2000)



chapter three

Spiritualism

Misunderstanding the state of the dead and embracing the false doctrine of soul immortality, an idea stemming from Greek philosophers Socrates and Plato, has paved the way for the rise of several particular deceptions which have found a home in Christianity. One of these deceptions lies in the realm of spiritualism, which I'll briefly cover here from one aspect and later regarding the church.

If we were to hold onto, somewhere within ourselves, that our deceased loved ones are now in heaven, despite the bible clearly teaching us that "the dead know nothing" (Eccl 9:5), then what a powerful tool of deception Satan's angel's may deploy masquerading as the same.

Please consider these words by Ellen G. White from her book
The Great Controversy...

"The doctrine of man's consciousness in death, especially the belief that spirits of the dead return to minister to the living, has prepared the way for modern spiritualism. If the dead are admitted to the presence of God and holy angels, and privileged with knowledge far exceeding what they before possessed, why should they not return to the earth to enlighten and instruct the living?"

If, as taught by popular theologians, spirits of the dead are hovering about their friends on earth, why should they not be permitted to communicate with them, to warn them against evil, or to comfort them in sorrow?

How can those who believe in man's consciousness in death reject what comes to them as divine light communicated by glorified spirits? Here is a channel regarded as sacred, through which Satan works for the accomplishment of his purposes.

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The fallen angels who do his bidding appear as messengers from the spirit world. While professing to bring the living into communication with the dead, the prince of evil exercises his bewitching influence upon their minds. He has power to bring before men the appearance of their departed friends. The counterfeit is perfect; the familiar look, the words, the tone, are reproduced with marvellous distinctness. Many are comforted with the assurance that their loved ones are enjoying the bliss of heaven, and without suspicion of danger, they give ear “to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

When they have been led to believe that the dead actually return to communicate with them, Satan causes those to appear who went into the grave unprepared. They claim to be happy in heaven and even to occupy exalted positions there, and thus the error is widely taught that no difference is made between the righteous and the wicked.

The pretended visitants from the world of spirits sometimes utter cautions and warnings which prove to be correct. Then, as confidence is gained, they present doctrines that directly undermine faith in the Scriptures. With an appearance of deep interest in the well-being of their friends on earth, they insinuate the most dangerous errors. The fact that they state some truths, and are able at times to foretell future events, gives to their statements an appearance of reliability; and their false teachings are accepted by the multitudes as readily, and believed as implicitly, as if they were the most sacred truths of the Bible.”

(Great Controversy, chapter 34, v 551.2-552.1)

Within Satan’s deceptive plans, fallen angels masquerading as the deceased have indeed been deceiving many devout Christians, with ‘Our Lady of Fatima’ and the 1917 appearances of the “Virgin Mary” in Portugal, being a clear example.

In 1930, the Roman Catholic Church officially recognised these manifestations as “worthy of belief” (Britannica), elevating the Virgin Mary as a ministering spirit, contrary to the bible teaching us that

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Mary remains sleeping in death, “never again” having “a part in anything that happens under the sun” (Eccl 9:6).

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the **realm of the dead**, where you are going, there is **neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.**”

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Sadly, through the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, Mary, who remain sleeping in death until the “first resurrection” at Christ’s second coming (1 Cor 15:23), has been elevated to “co-redemptrix”, with the ritualistic ‘Hail Mary’ being a plead for her mediatory role in our redemption. Yet, this role is Christ’s alone, is it not?

“For *there is* one God, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus...**”

1 Timothy 2:5

It almost seems inconceivable how theologians throughout the Roman Catholic Church could get things so terribly wrong, until we look at things through a biblically-sound prophetic lens, to which we’ll be discussing a little later.

For now, I’d like to leave you with this question...

If a deceased loved one were to appear before you, a perfect likeness in every way, with loving tones and joyful tidings... would you lend them ear?

chapter three: Spiritualism

In an instance of time when our senses are telling us that all is well, will we open in dialogue knowing that to “enquire of the dead” is an “abomination” unto the Lord.

“For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD:
and because of these abominations the LORD thy God
doth drive them out from before thee.”

Deuteronomy 18:12

Simply put, it’s an abomination to God for us to communicate with what appears to be our deceased loved ones because God knows that they are indeed deceiving spirits.

In a moment of hunger, pushing aside the desires of temptation, Jesus stood on the Word declaring that “it is written” - will we do the same?



chapter four

An Attack on God's Character

The logical conclusion when seeing through the lens of humans having an immortal soul is that, just as the righteous live on eternally with Christ, the wicked also live-on, in torment, throughout the ceaselessness of eternity. For if the soul is immortal, is this not reasonable to conclude?

But is this what the Bible teaches?

As a young man, I began to identify something that bothered me. I could not understand why I was being taught at church that the wicked will be tortured throughout all eternity in a place called hell, when the Bible had taught me from a child, through probably the most famous passage of scripture, that those who reject the salvation we have in Christ will “perish.”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not **perish**,
but have **everlasting life**.”

John 3:16

I'm not sure if I can think of any clearer passage of scripture than John 3:16. These are two clear outcomes for humanity that are distinctly opposites. Either we are given “everlasting life” to live in the presence of our heavenly Father, or we will “perish”.

perish ἀπόληται (apolētai) Strong's 622: From apo and the base of olethros; *to destroy fully*

To eternally extend the life of someone who has turned their back on Christ in order to torture them throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity is *not* “to destroy fully”.

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In fact, this false teaching, which darkens the very Character of God, would also make God the propagator of sin itself. For consider what painfully bitter distain for God, what sin, would amass in the hearts of the wicked knowing that after a million years there still would be no reprieve from their torments... no, this is *not* God's plan!

“For the wages of **sin is death**, but the gift of **God is eternal life**
in Christ Jesus our Lord”
Romans 6:23

Though to “perish” (cease to exist) and living in conscious eternal torment (life) cannot be reconciled, this deep-seeded Greek philosophy of ‘soul-immortality’ still has Christians reaching for scriptural grounds that appear to support this false-doctrine, yet do not.

“For yet a little while, and **the wicked shall not be**: yea,
thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*.”
Psalm 37:10

Just as Satan, eventually, “will exist no more.” (Eze 28:19), so too will be for the wicked..

“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven;
and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble:
and the day that cometh shall **burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts,
that it shall leave them **neither root nor branch**.”
Malachi 4:1

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Again, it would be remiss of me not to address Revelation 20:10

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the **lake of fire** and
brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be
tormented day and night **for ever and ever.**”

Revelation 20:10

In order to reconcile Revelation 20:10 with the clear teaching that Satan will “exist no more”, we simply must grasp what “forever” actually implies. Too quick are we to attribute “for ever” with eternity. But are we correct in doing so?

Throughout the Bible the term “forever” is used to mean “for as long as time lasts in that specific case.” Even today, this term is used to describe a downpour or a hot summer afternoon that “went on forever.”

For instance, Hannah pledged to God that she would take her infant son Samuel to serve in the temple at Shiloh, where he would abide “**forever**” (1 Samuel 1:22). Hannah herself interpreted the statement as meaning that Samuel would serve in the temple for “as long as he lives” (verse 28).

In the belly of the fish, Jonah cried out “...the earth with her bars *was* about me **for ever...**” (Jonah 2:6), and although it may have seemed to have lasted for eternity...

“Jonah was in the belly of the fish **three days and three nights.**”

Jonah 1:17

King David said, “Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel **for ever**” (1 Chron 28:4).
- David was King for 40 years (2 Sam 5:4).

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Equally, the words "for ever" can mean "eternal", as the time involved depends on the nature of the person or thing to which the word is applied. For when we read that God's "mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 106:1), it means that as long as God shall exist His mercy will exist, and because He is eternal in His nature, His attributes are also eternal. As such, to torture Satan in the "lake of fire" throughout all eternity would be to attribute to Satan immortality.

From a rather simplistic perspective, if we were to apply the word "eternity" to the word "ever", then Rev 20:10 would read that the devil "shall be tormented day and night for **eternity** and **eternity**."

This seems nonsensical, as adding eternity to eternity accomplishes nothing. However, adding a span of time deemed an "age" to another "age", as some bibles render Rev 20:10, tells us that Satan will indeed suffer for a long span of time, but eventually Satan will "exist no more" (Ezek 28:19).

Here in lies God's Truth: When we die, saved or lost, we all enter the sleep of death. Which, for all intents and purposes, can be likened to a state of non-existence, in that we "know nothing" - And, though it is also likened to a "sleep" (for we *will* be resurrected), it is, in a sense, our *first* death.

With this understanding, we can see God's plan and comprehend why the final outcome for the wicked is called their "second death" (Rev 20:14). And, just as in their *first* death, they shall again sleep in death, yet from it they shall not rise. For they shall "perish" having "their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death**" (Rev 21:8), eventually to be, eternally in a state of non-existence.

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Without a doubt, the false doctrine that God will torture people throughout all eternity has had Satan laughing at Christians, as this teaching has driven away many people from finding out Who God really is... for who would worship such a monster? Equally as sad, Christians, the world over, continue to use this false doctrine in an attempt to motivate through fear, but...

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

1 John 4:18

In a nutshell, God is the creator of all things. Nothing exists outside of Him. If we choose to turn our backs on God's gift of salvation, then we will be granted our desire and be removed from him eternally. We will cease to exist throughout all eternity. This is what's meant by “eternal Judgement” (Heb 6:2), in that the wicked will “go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life” (Mat 25:46).

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chapter five

The Big Picture

Many years ago, I learned that in order to identify a counterfeit dollar bill we must first know what a real dollar bill looks like. We must know the truth in order to identify the counterfeit. This is a fundamental principal in what it is I have to share, and therefore I feel it's important to take a moment to view part of God's 'big picture'.

Sadly, misunderstanding the state of the dead, and the acceptance of the false doctrine of 'soul immortality', has left Christians confused about God's clear teachings of the first and second resurrections. Doctrines that the Apostle Paul refers to as "elementary teachings" (Heb 6:1,2).

As such, I feel it's important to outline some main aspects that God's Word teaches us about the eschatological order of events regarding those who have died, Christ's return, the "first resurrection", our millennial reign *with* Christ, the "resurrection of damnation", the "lake of fire", and our "new earth".

At first glance we may not see the significance of understanding such things, but, as we discuss various aspects further in depth, I hope you'll begin to identify their importance and how our lack of understanding some of these "elementary teachings" has opened the door to deception.

A Brief Eschatological Overview from Christ's Return

As with the righteous who have died in Christ, those who have died in their sins, rejecting the salvation we have in Jesus, are also sleeping in death - knowing "nothing" and no longer playing "a part in anything here on earth" (Eccl 9:5,6).

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At the second-coming of Jesus, those who died in Christ will be resurrected to eternal life, for “all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back” (1 Cor 15:23), and all those who are living in Christ when He returns will be “translated”, as Enoch was, not seeing death (Heb 11:5). And together, the resurrected and those who “are alive *and* remain” (who shall be translated), will “meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thess 4:17). - This is the “first resurrection”

Those who are Christ’s at His return meet Him “in the air”, for when Jesus comes the...

“...heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, **the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**”

2 Peter 3:10

For, “the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment** and perdition of ungodly men.”

2 Peter 3:7

With the earth laid barren, God having laid it to “waste” (Isa 24:1), God’s children ascend to Heaven with Jesus and “reign with him a thousand years.” (Rev 20:6) - This is our ‘millennial reign’ with Christ in Heaven and the fulfilment of Jesus’ words...

“In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also**”

John 14:2,3

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It is during our thousand-year reign “with” Christ in Heaven that Satan is trapped upon a desolate earth. With God’s children resurrected and in Heaven, the wicked sleeping in death until they are resurrected at the end of the thousand years (Rev 20:5), and no one left alive on earth to tempt, Satan is “bound” for a thousand years (Rev 20:2), having nothing to do but to contemplate all the pain and suffering that he’s inflicted upon the world and upon himself.

This prophetic truth is taught to us through the sacrificial service of Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement, whereby the “live goat” is a representation of Satan, having had put upon him all the sins of God’s redeemed (those of the “first resurrection”), and left alive in the wilderness wasteland of an empty and desolate earth...

“And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the **live goat**, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and **shall send him away** by the hand of a fit man **into the wilderness**: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto **a land not inhabited**: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.”

Leviticus 16:21,22

When the thousand years “should be fulfilled”, God’s “holy city, new Jerusalem” descends upon the “new earth... down from God out of heaven” (Rev 21:1,2). With God’s recreation of a “new heavens and a new earth” (Isa 65:17), God’s children descend from heaven with God’s “holy city, the new Jerusalem” and witness Jesus’ almighty power at the “resurrection of damnation” (John 5:29).

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“Gog and Magog”, symbolic of those that have turned their backs on God. The number of these resurrected people are “as the sand of the sea” (Rev 20:8), and for the first time in human history, in all its supernatural magnificence, every single human born throughout the entirety of human history will stand together upon the earth.

Within the gates of the “holy city”, the righteous, having agreed in judgement during their millennial “reign with Christ” (Rev 20:4), look out upon the lost, while the lost look back upon the glory and love God has bestowed upon His redeemed children and, in that moment of realisation, in that moment of truth... “every knee shall bow”.

Sadly, after spending a thousand years trapped on a desolate earth contemplating the error of his ways, Satan changes not. For with the resurrection of the wicked also comes Satan’s freedom to again deceive...

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth...”

Revelation 20:7,8

Through Satan’s final persuasive ploys, the resurrected wicked are gathered “together to battle” and surround God’s “beloved city” - But God finally puts an end to the battle as...

“...fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”

Revelation 20:9

This is the “eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.” (Matt 25:41). This is “eternal fire” from our Eternal God, and just as Sodom and Gomorrah “...serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire” (Jude 1:7), the wicked will be consumed...

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“Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself. Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you. **And the people shall be *as* the burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.** Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I have done; and, ye *that are* near, acknowledge my might.”

Isaiah 33:10-13

With the wicked ceasing to exist, having “perished” (John 3:16), sin cast away for all eternity, and with a “new heaven and new earth” ...

“God shall wipe away all tears from their [our] eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Revelation 21:4

With the “former things” passed, what joy and wonder awaits God’s children, for the “earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Isa 11:9). We shall “build houses and inhabit *them*... plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them” (Isa 65:21).

Though I often try to imagine what awaits us in life-eternal, I’m comforted in knowing the joy, peace and pure beauty of it all will far exceed any of our expectations, for...

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9

Thank You Lord - Praise be Your Name.



chapter six

Another Deception

Having looked at the 'big picture', having broadly seen God's plan from Christ's return unto the "new earth", we need to take a step back into the present and apply this understanding to help further identify some of the counterfeits before us.

As I hope you have seen from our past discussion, Satan's first lie has led to misunderstanding the state of the dead, which has resulted in misunderstanding the resurrection and, as we'll discuss, has led to misunderstanding the manner of Christ's second-coming.

One of these misunderstandings about the manner of Christ's second advent is the false doctrine of a "pre-tribulation rapture", whereby it is believed that Christ will rapture away His people to heaven prior to the time of "great tribulation" (Matt 24:21).

Originally propagated by John Nelson Darby, this pre-tribulation rapture theory quickly gained popularity among end-times-oriented Christians, thanks especially to its incorporation into the 1909 Scofield Reference Bible (Timothy Beal HUMANITIES, 2022), and has largely been embraced and prophesied from the pulpits of many evangelical churches across the United States.

Here in Australia this teaching of a pre-tribulation rapture is not so common, and rightly so. But sadly, this false doctrine has gained much acceptance across the 'mega churches' of North America and, whether it is accepted or rejected, the seeds of possibility have been sown into the minds of Christians the world over.

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Within this false teaching, it is believed that God's people will be taken to heaven (raptured), while those who remain will continue living here on earth, through a time of great tribulation, until the end of the world. But we needn't look further than Jesus' own words to understand that this is not so.

In Matthew 13, Jesus explains the parable of the "wheat" and the "tares" to His disciples, stating that...

"He that soweth the good seed [wheat] is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels"

Matthew 13:37-39

Within this parable, the servants of the "man which sowed good seed in his field" ask "Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?", to which the man (who represents Jesus, the "Son of man") replies...

"Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

Matthew 13:30

Contrary to the pre-tribulation teaching that God's children, the wheat, are taken out of the world prior to the "end of the world", Jesus clearly teaches us that "both grow together until the harvest", which is the "end of the world", and then, at the harvest, "first the tares" are gathered, the "children of the wicked one" (Matt 13:38).

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This teaching of Jesus, in itself, leaves us without excuse, despite what we may experience through our senses as the “wicked one” attempts to deceive. For God, through His Word, clearly teaches us that both the “wheat” (God’s children) and the “tares” (Satan’s children) will continue to “grow” and live here on earth until the “end of the world”, which is at Christ’s second coming.

The fundamental question regarding a pre-tribulation rapture is simple... does Jesus return before tribulation or after tribulation?

In Matthew 24:21 Jesus speaks of “great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”, and He continues...

“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: 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. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world —from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.”

Matthew 24:29-31

The very words of Jesus Himself declares that He will return “after the tribulation”, at which time His “chosen” are raised – this is the “first resurrection” – with this truth being clearly reflected in first Thessalonians 4:13-18.

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Understanding that the time of the “first resurrection” occurs at Christ’s second coming...

“But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ
will be raised when he comes back.”

1 Corinthians 15:23

... and understanding that Christ returns “after the tribulation” (Matt 24:29), helps us better understand Revelation 20:4-6.

“Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years.” v6

All of God’s redeemed will have a “part in the first resurrection”, with both the dead in Christ resurrected and the righteous living being “translated” at Christ’s second coming.

All of God’s redeemed, throughout the six thousand years of human history, will have gone through their own trials and tribulations, including being “beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God”, and for those of us living in these end-times, we will be recognised for not having...

“...worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their [our] foreheads, or in their [our] hands”

Revelation 20:4

Through the Apostle John, Jesus is clearly teaching us that, just as Noah and his family went through the tribulation of the flood, we will also go through “great tribulation” before Christ comes.

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Hence giving us the ability to, prayerfully through God's Word, identify the "beast", his "image" and his "mark" – of which we'll do shortly.

For those deceased Christians that *had* embraced this false doctrine of a pre-tribulation rapture, one might think that more "good" than "harm" may have resulted for the individual, as believers would have been mindfully prepared to meet the Lord at any given moment. However, the same cannot be said for those of us now living in these end-times... for this false doctrine leaves Christians unprepared for the "time of trouble" (Dan 12:1) that is soon upon us.

The false doctrine of a pre-tribulation rapture not only distorts the "elementary teachings" of the "resurrection", but it leaves Christians ignorant of scriptural truths that will guide them through the soon to come "great tribulation" (Mat 24:21). This aspect of preparedness, or lack thereof, clearly shows the deceptiveness of this false doctrine in these end times, as I'm sure most Christians who do not accept this teaching would recognise.

That being said, I would like to now ask...

How might we respond if a sudden rapture
seemingly occurred?

Setting aside the "how", I'd like for us to imagine in ourselves that if such a thing should seemingly occur, convincing in every way, would we be established enough in God's Word to stand on what is written and refute the lie, or might we be swayed by such "lying wonders"?

For what a wicked tool of deception that would be unleashed upon God's people that believe they had missed the "rapture", leaving millions desperate for guidance and in need of reassurance for their eventual salvation.

Chapter six: Another Deception

It is Satan's ultimate goal to acquire our worship, and God declares in His Word that Satan will show "himself that he is God" (2 Thess 2:4) before Christ comes back. In preparation for such great deception, I believe that it is plausibly likely (as we'll discuss) that Satan, through mankind, will orchestrate a false-rapture, or significantly similar event, that will usher those fearful and remaining on earth to unite together with the church, seemingly following Christ, while knowing Him not.

For could it be possible that Jesus said the "Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Mat 24:44), because soon many will believe that He is already here?

Are we not warned of such deceptions? Did Jesus not say, "...many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many"? (Mat 24:5). The Apostle Paul made it abundantly clear that the "day of the Lord", Christ's second-coming, will not come until after the "man of sin be revealed."

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a **falling away first**, and that **man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition."

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Within these God inspired words, we are taught of two main elements - the "falling away first" and that "man of sin be revealed". These two elements, or events as we'll discuss, play a pivotal role in Satan's deceptive plans, and seek our understanding.

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chapter seven

The Falling Away

Our need-to-know God's Truth in order to recognise error, to know the genuine from the counterfeit, is vitally important as Satan is the ultimate copy-cat. Throughout earth's history Satan has deceived through mimicry, with the Trinity being usurped by the "dragon", the "beast" and the "false profit" (Rev 16:13) encapsulating this understanding.

In Hebrews, the Apostle Paul writes...

"When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth,
but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake
not only the earth but the heavens also."

Hebrews 12:26,

God, just as at Mount Sinai where "his voice shook the earth", promises that he will "once again" do the same and more. Is it therefore not reasonable to consider that Satan may attempt to counterfeit this event?

In Revelation chapter eight we are introduced to the "seven angels" with the "seven trumpets" as they "prepared themselves to sound" (v6). These "trumpets" can be considered "plagues" (Rev 9:20) or "woes" upon the earth (Rev 8:13) and signify the progressive darkness that is consuming the people of earth.

Many theologians hold to many interpretations, including the perspective that the first 6 trumpets have already been blown. Historically, prophetically in 'type', I believe this could be so.

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The first two trumpets signify events that Satan is being allowed to perpetrate upon the world, in preparation for his final deception as Christ. They are an entrapment on Satan's part, with progressive devastation eventually leading to a seeming time of enlightenment. A narrative much to the tune of the Greek mythology of the *Phoenix rising from its own ashes*. But, more importantly, they are trumpets of warning from God, and we should take heed.

"The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of **trees** was burnt up, and all **green grass** was burnt up."

Revelation 8:7

The term "green grass" is used only one other time in the Bible...

"Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down **in groups** on the **green grass...** and they did **all eat**, and were **filled**."

Mark 6:39,42

These "groups" of people, God's Churches, were fed by Jesus upon the "green grass" that day. Sadly, this "green grass", this place of gathering, will be taken from us.

Just as we witnessed during Covid lockdowns, but with greater severity, our ability to gather in worship, sitting together upon the "green grass", feeding upon the Word, will soon be taken, as "all green grass" is "burnt up" (Rev 8:7).

I propose that this first trumpet is now sounding, in which the "third part of trees" (referring to people of nations, Judges 9:8-15), points to the de-population agenda that is now occurring, seen by increased excess mortality rates in countries world-wide.

(childrenshealthdefense.eu/eu-affairs/piercing-the-veil-of-silence-over-excess-deaths)

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I believe things will be greatly *ramped* up soon when the world encounters its first true pandemic, perhaps with mortality rates like that of a Marburg outbreak. A pandemic that Bill Gates and the World Health Organisation have been preparing for and negotiating to force their control through the WHO Pandemic Treaty.

I speculate that it will be through such a deadly pandemic, mingled with world war, that Satan will bring the world to its knees, forcing the global changes needed to move the masses into the city centres, in readiness for the second trumpet.

As tragic as the coming years may be, as nation rises “against nation, and kingdom against kingdom”, with “famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes” (Mat 24:7), Jesus declares...

“All these *are* the **beginning of sorrows.**”

Revelation 24:8

When the “second angel” sounds his trumpet, John sees...

“...as it were a great **mountain burning with fire**

was cast into the **sea...**”

Revelation 8:8

In Genesis 1:10, we are taught that the “waters that were gathered together” God “called seas”. With this understanding, it’s a reasonable application of Revelation 17:15 to suggest that the symbolic word “sea” in Revelation 8:8 is referring also to “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues”, who have been “gathered together”.

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There is only one other biblical reference to a “mountain burning with fire”, which points us to God at Mount Sinai, where “the mountain burned with fire” and the “LORD spake... out of the midst of the fire”, declaring “His covenant” - His “ten commandments” (Deut 4:11-14).

At Mount Sanai Moses said to the people,

“And it came to pass, when **ye heard the voice** out of the midst of the darkness, (for the **mountain did burn with fire,**) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; And ye said, Behold, the LORD our **God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness,** and **we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire:** we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.”

Deuteronomy 5:23,24

Continuing to leave aside the ‘how’, could it be possible that Satan may orchestrate, with the help of deceived mankind, an event by which the multitudes on earth believe they have all witnessed God’s “glory and his greatness” (Deut 5:23)?

“And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; **you only heard a voice.**”

Deuteronomy 4:12

Though you may think it rather speculative at this point in your reading, here-in-lies a possible counterfeit event, in all its spectacle, that would leave the world believing they had missed the rapture (or similar despair), and that God had revealed himself audibly from the heavens.

We’ll discuss shortly what Satan may speak to the people in his guise as God, confidently knowing that it would entail elements of his law, just as God spoke the ten commandments at Mount Sinai.

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But to be clear, such an event would not include the final manifestation of Satan on earth posing as Christ, rather it would be preparatory in nature for his soon appearance.

This understanding, that such an event would unite the world, gathering “together” the “waters” and preparing mankind to accept the appearance of Satan as Christ, is seen in Revelation 13, whereby the visual spectacle of “fire” coming “down from heaven... in the sight of men”(v13) deceives the world by “saying to them” that they “should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live”(v14).

“...he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means* of those miracles which he had power to do...”

Revelation 13:13,14

In preparation for Satan’s manifestation as Christ on earth, the world is deceived into not only making an “image to the beast”, but eventually enforcing that “as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed” (Rev 13:15).

As to the identity of the “beast” and his “image”, we will be discussing this in more detail soon. But what is clear, and the point of this chapter to clarify, is that this event, that is symbolised by “fire” coming “down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men” (Rev 13:13), will unite the world in the “worship” of the “image of the beast”, and not yet direct worship of Satan as Christ.

Within the occult channelled writings of Alice A. Bailey, this period is referred to as the “**first stage** of the externalisation of the Hierarchy” (Bailey, Ex. Hier. p530), whereby the “externalisation of the hierarchy” refers to Satan’s final manifestation as Christ.

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This “first stage”, according to Bailey, will be a period prior to Satan’s manifestation as Christ where the world will be united under the “Church Universal”. As we further identify the “first beast” of Revelation 13, we’ll see how this occult teaching squarely aligns with biblical prophecy.

“This Church will be nurtured into activity by the Christ [Satan] and His disciples when the outpouring of the Christ [Satan] principle, **the true second coming**, has been accomplished.”

Bailey, Ex. Hier. p.450

Just as God at Mount Sinai established His Law and demonstrated to the people his “glory and greatness”, Satan will also, in all probability, speak “out of the midst of the fire” and deceive “them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles”. Thus, bringing the world together in the “worship of the image of the beast”, united under the “Church Universal”. This is what Bailey refers to as the “true second coming”, in that it is the moment when the world seemingly is given definitive proof of the existence of God, though it is not yet Satan’s time of manifestation.

Again, with the understanding that Satan is the ultimate copy-cat, we have testimony of God giving His people the same definitive proof at Mount Carmel, as “fire of the LORD fell and consumed the sacrifice” (1 Kings 18:38).

“And when all the people **saw it**, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.”

1 Kings 18:39

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There is much to be gained through our understanding of Elijah's experience regarding the progression of end-time events, to which we'll continue to discuss, but for now, to be clear, I'm proposing that God's Word teaches us that the second "trumpet" of Revelation 8:8 and the "fire" coming "down from heaven" in Revelation 13:13 are the same event soon to come.

If such an event should occur, those who do not deny their senses and stand firm on the Word of God, loving the truth, will be led to "believe a lie" (2 Thess 2:11) and, through the deceptive spectacle and seemingly undeniable hearing of the voice of God, the world will be convinced that they have mis-understood the Bible, thus turning their backs on its Truth.

I believe this *is* the "falling away" spoken of in 2 Thessalonians 2:3kjv.

The Greek word for "falling away", *apostasia*, is often rendered as "turn away" or "forsake" in Acts 21:21. This *is* in essence Satan's plan. To manipulate mankind into *forsaking* God's Word, leading to a "famine" as prophesied in Amos 8:11...

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send **a famine** in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but **of hearing the words of the LORD**"

However, we know *not* what such an event may look like when "fire" falls "down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" (Rev 13:13) ... for God has not revealed such detail in His Word. We can, however, know that God's Word warns of such deception and, though we now only "know in part" (1Cor 13:12), we're assured that...

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them." Isaiah 8:20

chapter eight

Two Witnesses

Before you continue reading, I would like to suggest that you take a few minutes to read Revelation chapter eleven within its full context. I believe a fresh reading of this chapter will help with our discussion that follows.

In this chapter, we are introduced to God's "two witnesses", through which we gain further insight into God's prophetic picture of what may soon come. I believe that it is the personification of these "two witnesses" that has misled many Christians into believing that they will be the literal witnessing of Moses and Elijah here on earth.

It is true that both Moses and Elijah are currently in heaven, Moses having been resurrected after the Archangel Michael contended with Satan for the "body of Moses" (Jude 1:9), and Elijah being "translated" when God took "Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind" (2 Kings 2:1). This is corroborated with both having been present with Jesus at His transfiguration (Matt 17:3), but they are not the "two witnesses" of Revelation chapter eleven... However, their testimony makes up part of the "two witnesses", as these "two witnesses" *are* the personification of the Old and New Testaments.

"And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a **witness to all the nations**, and then the end will come."

Matthew 24:14

In Hebrews chapter eleven we are told of the faith of our forefathers, of "Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets" (Heb 11:32). It is their testimony written in God's Word that gives "witness to all nations". As such, the Apostle Paul continues in chapter twelve with...

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“Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of **witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance”

Hebrews 12:1

These “two witnesses” are identified as being “the two olive trees... standing before the God of the earth” (Rev 11:4). In Zechariah 4:14, it’s declared that these “two olive trees” are “the two **anointed** ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.” This is the Holy Spirit Who has anointed Scripture...

“But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

John 14:26

This refers to, in part, the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon those who faithfully brought us the truths of the Bible, thus giving us both the anointed Old and New Testaments.

“All scripture *is given by inspiration of God*, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16

These “two witnesses” are also identified as “the two lampstands” (Rev 11:4) ...

“Thy **word is a lamp** unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Psalms 119:105

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In Revelation 11:3 we learn that God...

“...will give *power* unto my [His] two witnesses, and they shall prophesy **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

Applying the theologically sound ‘prophetic day-for-a-year’ principal taught to us through Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:5-6 and verified in the 70-week prophecy of Daniel 9, we can identify this “thousand two hundred *and* threescore days” as the 1260 years between the Roman Emperor Justinian’s 538AD decree to uphold Papal supremacy, until Napoleon’s general, Alexander Berthier, entered Rome and took Pope Pius VI captive in 1798.

Napoleon decreed that at the death of the Pope, the papacy would be discontinued, and "Half of Europe thought ... that without the Pope the Papacy was dead." (London: Catholic Truth Society, 1910). This historic moment in time, this apparent “death” of the Papacy, was prophesied as John “saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death” (Rev 13:3), which we’ll further discuss.

Throughout the greater part of this 1260 years of Papal supremacy, God’s written Word, His “two witnesses”, remained in a state of obscurity, while the Papal power sought to hide its truths. Those who dared proclaim its sacred truths were hunted, betrayed, tortured, buried in dungeon cells and martyred for their faith. It was throughout this time that God’s “two witnesses” prophesied “clothed in sackcloth” (Rev 11:3), “an outward sign of mourning and submission” (biblestudytools.com)

Since what appeared to be the “death” of the Papacy in 1798, God’s “two witnesses” no longer are prophesying “clothed in sackcloth”.

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This prophetic fulfilment is seen through the formation of the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1804, quickly followed with other European Bible Societies in Switzerland, Scotland, Finland, Hungary, Holland, Sweden and even France in 1818 (museeprotestant.org).

“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and **kill them.**”

Revelation 11:7

This prophecy has been fulfilled in ‘type’, with the abolition of the Bible during the French Revolution. But the Bible, God’s “two witnesses”, are alive and well today, with millions of copies distributed the world over. I propose, therefore, that this prophecy soon finds its true fulfilment when Satan counterfeits what God did at Mount Sinai and speaks “out of the midst of the fire” (Deut 5:24).

In doing so, Satan will inevitably speak lies mingled with truth, speaking his own laws, as God spoke the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. And through a spectacle of deceit, the world will be convinced “that they should believe a lie” (2 Thess 2:11), forsaking the truths found in God’s Word. And for “three days and a half” (being 3 ½ years when we consistently apply the prophetic day-for-a-year principal), God’s “two witnesses”, the Truth within His written Word, will lay dead in the “street of the great city” (Rev 11:8,9).

This is Satan’s reverse-copy of Elijah’s story, in that God, on Mount Carmel, revealed Himself *after* a 3 ½ year drought (James 5:17), then “the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice” (1 Kings 18:38)... In Satan’s case, it is his spectacle of “fire... down from heaven” that “deceiveth them that dwell on the earth” (Rev 13:13,14), that causes a 3 ½ year drought for God’s Word within the “great city” (Rev 11:8,9).

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So, what is this great city?

This “great city” is Babylon (Rev 18:21). It represents confusion. This historic, literal city is used symbolically to represent collectives who have not loved the truth found in God’s Word and have come to “believe a lie” (2 Thess 2:11).

In these prophetic passages this “great city” is not just one physical city, but rather mindsets and places around the world that have united in the worship of the “image to the beast” (Rev 13:14). This is what Bailey refers to as the “Church Universal”.

As with the woman who sits upon the “scarlet coloured beast” (Rev 17:3), who represents the apostate church, this “great city” is also “...arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls” (Rev 17:4, 18:16).

“And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and **shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**”

Revelation 11:9

The apostle John informs us that the “two witnesses” (the Old & New Testaments) are not “put in graves”, to which I speculate is because their “death” isn’t one of total rejection, but rather of re-interpretation.

As the truths found within God’s Word become so twisted and distorted, for all intents and purposes, they will lie “dead” within the streets of these forsaken cities, to which the people “shall rejoice over them” (Rev 11:10).

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It's at the unfolding of the second trumpet, that God declares...

“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,
and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul
spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”

Revelation 18:2

As there is no truth left in this worldly church, God cries...

“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins,
and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Revelation 18:4

For it will be at this time that people will be required...

“...to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark,
or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

Revelation 13:16,17

I have told you beforehand, Jesus declares

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chapter nine

The Beast from the Sea

So, who is the “first beast” of Revelation 13 and what is his mark?

It might come as a surprise to some of you that the answer to the first question was given to us over 400 years ago by the protestant reformers, the forefathers of our protestant churches.

Protestant reformers, including John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer, John Thomas, John Knox, Roger Williams, Cotton Mather, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley, as well as most Protestants of the 16th–18th centuries, felt that the early church had been led into great apostasy by the Papacy and clearly identified the Church of Rome as the “little horn” of Daniel 7:8, the “first beast” of Revelation 13 and indeed the very seat of the antichrist.

As a counter to the protestant reformation, the Papacy established the Jesuit Order to infiltrate protestant churches and confuse their doctrines. Preterism and Futurism, which places the antichrist historically in the past or obscurely somewhere in the future, were derived from Jesuit writings (wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesuits) to oppose the scriptural truth that the Papacy, the system of the Roman Catholic Church, is indeed the “beast” that will force worship upon the world.

The abundance of scriptural support that identifies the Papacy as such gives me no need to delve into a biblical study as to the Papacy’s identity (although, I do encourage you to take the time to study, if you are not yet clear on this matter). Rather I’d like to move forward and look at how prophecy is now unfolding and what the Bible tells of the implications of such a truth.

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Sadly, many Christians have chosen to forget this truth, some have never known this truth and some, namely the Jesuits, are working desperately hard to keep this truth from Christians.

“For now we see through a glass, darkly...”
1 Corinthians 13:12

There is much we may never know until we see God *face-to-face*. However, biblical prophecy fulfilled in history such as Daniel’s 70-week prophecy pointing us to Christ’s baptism and ministry, or the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD, are major testimonial “rocks” that build both our faith in Scripture and guides our understanding as to where we currently stand in time. One particular prophecy, that has been unfolding over the last 2500 years, should draw our attention, as its fulfilment is upon us.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream of a “great image” and “the form thereof was terrible” (Dan 2:31). This “great image” or “statue” tells us of the historic progression of the nations, starting with the fall of Babylon in 539 B.C and ending with the return of Christ, represented as a stone “cut out of the mountain without hands” (Dan 2:45).

Nebuchadnezzar’s “image”, along with Daniel’s visions of the “four beasts” of chapter seven, present to us the succession of four kingdoms...

Babylon: represented by “head of gold” (Dan 2:38), as a “lion” with “eagle’s wings” (Dan 7:4)

Medo-Persia: represented by “chest and arms of silver” (Dan 2:32), “like to a bear” (Dan 7:5)

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Greece: represented by “belly and thighs of bronze” (Dan 2:32), “like a leopard” (Dan 7:6)

Rome: represented by “legs of iron” (Dan 2:33), “dreadful and terrible” (Dan 7:7)

Nebuchadnezzar’s “image” then transitions to “feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron” (Dan 2:41), representing Rome-divided, or what we would know as Europe today. It’s worth noting here that, just as feet often have ten toes, the Council of Europe was founded in 1949 by ten countries, Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherland, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Council-of-Europe>).

In Daniel chapter seven, we see the “little horn”, representing the Papacy, coming up through the “fourth beast” of Rome, plucking up “by the roots” (Dan 7:8) three kingdoms as the Papacy came to power...

“And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*”

Daniel 7:24

History tells us of the ten kingdoms that arose from the Roman Empire, seven of which developed into the countries of modern Western Europe: Visigoths/Spain, Anglo-Saxons/England, Franks/France, Alemani/Germany, Burgundians/Switzerland, Lombards/Italy, Suevi/Portugal.

And three that were “subdued”...

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-The **Heruli**, who's "independent kingdom was destroyed by the Longobards by the early 6th century AD"

-The **Vandals**, who's "kingdom collapsed in the Vandalic War of 533–34, in which Emperor Justinian's forces reconquered the province for the Eastern Roman Empire."

-The **Ostrogoths**, whom Byzantine Emperor Justinian declared war on in 535 AD.

"These conquests strengthened the hand of the Papacy, which was established by the year 538 AD. In that year, Vigilius, the bishop of Rome, ascended the papal throne under the protection of the Roman general Belisarius. The date for the establishment of papal Rome as an independent power can thus be pinned at 538 AD."

amazingdiscoveries.org

It was Papal-Rome, a "diverse" power (Dan 7:24), with the union of church and state, that brought about the devastation of the dark ages. Through this power, the Church of Rome persecuted.

From 538 AD until receiving its "deadly wound" (Rev 13:3) in 1798, when Pope Pius VI was taken into captivity, for 1260 years through which God's "two witnesses" testified "clothed in sackcloth" (Rev 11:3), Papal-Rome sat as an extension of the "fourth beast" (Dan 7:7) and indeed became the 5th kingdom in succession to the Roman Empire.

"And there are seven kings: **five are fallen**, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

Revelation 17:10

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These five fallen “kings” are the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and Papal-Rome. Each of these in themselves represent both a “king” and a “beast”, with the “fourth beast” of Rome being “dreadful and terrible” (Dan 7:7), and the fifth “king”, the “little horn” power, being the “beast” that raised “up out of the sea” (Rev 13:1), as the Papacy arose through the much-populated lands of Europe.

This fifth beast of the Papacy throughout the dark ages, rising as a “little horn” power (Dan 7:8) through the “fourth beast” of Rome, also embodies the characteristics of the preceding beasts of Greece, Medo-Persia and Babylon, as John describes...

“...the beast which I saw was like unto a **leopard**, and his feet were as *the feet* of a **bear**, and his mouth as the mouth of a **lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

Revelation 13:2

This beast that did “rise up out of the sea” (Rev 13:1) is both the fifth king “fallen” (Rev 17:10) and the “the beast that was” (Rev 17:11), for this beast received a “deadly wound” (Rev 13:3) in 1798, as the Papacy was stripped of its church and state power... as such, this beast currently...

“...is not...”

Revelation 17:11

As with the “seven kings: five are fallen, and **one is...**” (Rev 17:10).

This king that “is”, at a time when the “beast that was” (the power given to the Papacy through the backing of Rome) currently “is not” (Rev 17:11), *is* the Papacy today.

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With world leader after world leader visiting the Vatican and singing the praises of the Pope, referring to him as “holy”, this sixth “king”, who holds the title of “Pontifex maximus”, has been gathering protestant churches and governments of the world under his wing, in preparation for his successor...

“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is,
and the **other is not yet come**; and when he cometh,
he must continue a **short space**.”

Revelation 17:10

This 7th “king”, that has “not yet come”, is the Papacy in its final form as the “Church Universal”, as we previously discussed.

Through the spectacular events of the second trumpet (Rev 8:8), as “fire” falls “down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men”, deceiving “them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles” (Rev 13:13,14), the world will, in all probability, be convinced that they have witnessed God’s “glory and greatness” and heard Him speak “out of the midst of the fire”, as God spoke at Mount Sinai.

“And when they [two witnesses] shall have finished their testimony,
the **beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall** make war
against them, and shall overcome them, and **kill them**”

Revelation 11:7

With such a magnificent event, possibly entailing a counterfeit “rapture”, the truth found in God’s Word will be utterly distorted and the world will be convinced to give power back to the Church. As such, the “beast that was” will rise once again, and for this “short space”, for 3 ½ years, God’s Truth, the Bible, will remain “dead” in the streets of this apostate church/governmental system prophesied as the “image to the beast” (Rev 13:14,15).

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With no truth left in this religious-political system, this “Church Universal” known as “Babylon the great” (Rev 17:5) will become the “...habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird” (Rev 18:2), to which God pleads “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” (Rev 18:4).

Here in lies a mystery: “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen...”

In Revelation chapter 18, we are told of the two final *falls* of Babylon. The first is Babylon’s final fall into apostasy, becoming “the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit” (Rev 18:2).

This first fall, as reasonably concluded, occurs at the second “trumpet” (Rev 8:8), as the world is convinced that they have witnessed God’s “glory and greatness” (Deut 5:24), reflective of God’s display at Mount Sinai, and are gathered together in the worship of the “image of the beast” (Rev 13:15).

“Come out of her, my people”
Revelation 18:4

It is during this “short space” (Rev 17:10) of time that God’s Children will have their last opportunity to “come out” from this apostate church, from this “MOTHER OF HARLOTS” (Rev 17:5), before Jesus finally closes His intercession as High Priest and prepares to return as “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Rev 19:16), as He declares...

“He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy,
let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still;
he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

Revelation 22:11

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The second and final fall of “Babylon the great” (Rev 17:5) is her literal destruction, whereby “...she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her” (Rev 18:8). And although it is “God who judgeth her”, her destruction comes by the hands of the very beast she has been sitting “upon” (Rev 17:3).

“Every kingdom **divided against itself** is brought to desolation;
and a house *divided* against a house falleth.”

Luke 11:17

As the “ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet” (Rev 17:12) take rise, they “...have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast” (Rev 17:13). As such, they prepare the arrival of Satan as Christ, the “eighth” king (Rev 17:11), and with the final rise of the “beast” power, these “ten horns which... are ten kings... shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire” (Rev 17:12,16).

“...for in one hour is she made desolate.”

Revelation 18:19

These “ten kings... receive power as kings one hour with the beast” (Rev 17:12), and it is at this “hour”, this final “hour” that God has given Satan to reign upon the earth, that Satan demands direct worship.

At Satan’s final manifestation as Christ on earth, no longer will mankind be required to “worship the image of the beast” (Rev 13:15), but rather to directly worship Satan as Christ, the “eighth” king, for his final hour with his “beast” kingdom and its “ten kings”.

“And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth,
and is of the seven, **and goeth into perdition.**”

Revelation 17:11

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It's at this final hour of Satan's manifestation as Christ on earth, that Jesus ceases His intercession as High Priest, leaving Heaven along with all His Heavenly Host, to return as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev 19:16).

"And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was
silence in heaven about the space of half an hour."

Revelation 8:1

It is at this moment in time, when Jesus has left His ministering role as High Priest in the Heavenly sanctuary to return, thus removing all restraints from Satan to rule on earth, that Paul's inspired words are almost fulfilled...

"For the mystery of lawlessness already works. Only there is one who
restrains now, until he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless
one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of
His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming."

2 Thessalonians 2:7,8

"And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the
ark.. and it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the
flood were upon the earth."

Genesis 7:1,10

Noah and his family were sealed safely within the ark for 7 days before the floods came. As it was the Lord who shut them in (Gen 7:16), their protection from the flood was secure, while the fate of those outside, though unbeknownst to them for 7 days, was also sealed. Such is the close of probation...

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“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”

Revelation 22:11

Consider: If one prophetic day equals one literal year (360 days on Hebrew calendar), then one hour equates to 15 days. As such, a prophetic half an hour, which equates to 7.5 literal days, is suggestive of being 7 days, “*about* the space of half an hour”, that there will be “silence in heaven” (Rev 8:1).

7 days between Jesus closing probation, leaving the Heavenly sanctuary, and our final redemption. 7 days where we, like Noah in ‘type’, sit within the ark sealed by our “living God” (Rev 7:2,3), while Satan unleashes a time of trouble “such as was not since the beginning of the world” (Matt 24:21). 7 days in which God shall seal us in His protection so that we shall...

“...not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day; *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.” Psalms 91:5-8

Eventually, with Christ’s arrival to earth, these 7 long days will come to an end, cutting short Satan’s horrific “hour” reign on earth, and thus fulfilling God’s promise that “for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened” (Mat 24:22).

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chapter ten

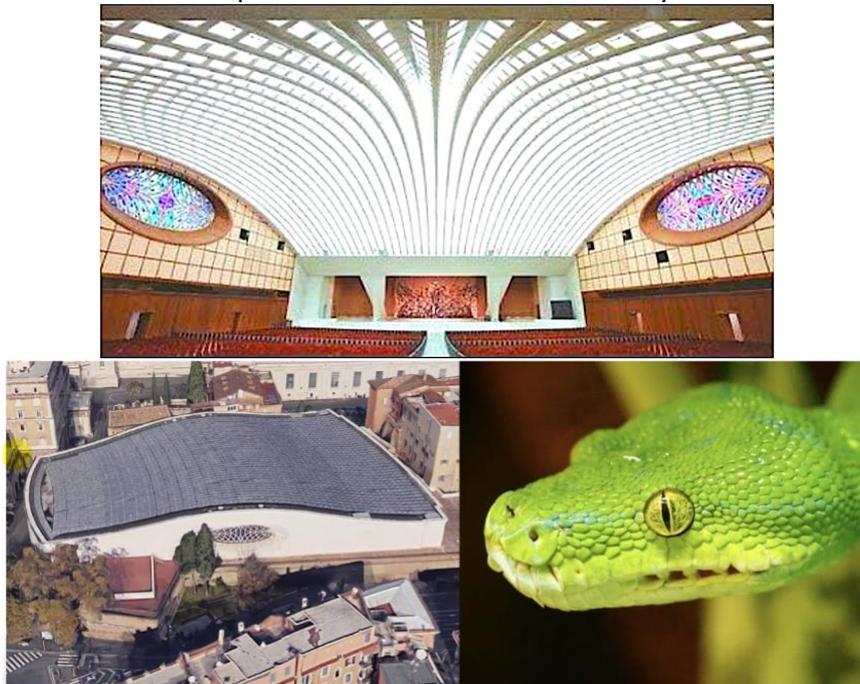
Mark of the Beast and Seal of God

Consider the following scripture relative, in part, to the Protestant Reformation during the early 16th century and their eventual migration to the United States to flee from Papal persecution.

“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the **serpent.**”

Revelation 12:14

And now consider the architecture of the Pope’s Audience Hall at Vatican City



A picture paints a thousand words.

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The identity and nature of the “beast” is clearly seen in both Scripture and the world around us, but let’s further consider some pictures and their testimony to the “beast”, the “great things and blasphemies” (Rev 13:5) spoken by this power and allow the “beast” themselves to proclaim what their “mark” is.

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death;
and his deadly wound was healed: and **all**
the world wondered after the beast.”

Revelation 13:3



Pope Francis revered before addressing the
General Assembly at the United Nations

Wondering leaders, both political and religious...



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“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet...”

Revelation 17:4



“...decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication”

Revelation 17:4



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“And there was given unto him a mouth
speaking great things and blasphemies”

Revelation 13:5

“The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted
that he is not a mere man, but as it were God”

Catholic Encyclopedia Vol. VI, p.48

“And he shall speak *great* words against the most High”

Daniel 7:25

“To pardon a single sin requires all the omnipotence of God... but
what only God can do by His omnipotence, the priest can do also...”

God himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of his priests”

Dignity and Duties of the Priest, Vol. 12.p34, p. 27, 28.

“And he shall... think to change times and laws”

Daniel 7:25

“The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws,
and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.

The Pope has authority and has often exercised it,
to dispense with the command of Christ”

Decretal, de Tranlatic Episcop

Unbeknown to some, within the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “an official, authoritative, and authentic reference text for teaching and transmitting Catholic doctrine” (uscatholic.org), God’s Ten Commandments, that were written by the very “finger of God” Himself (Exod 31:18), have been changed.

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The second commandment, to abstain from idol worship, has been removed completely, while the tenth commandment (covetousness), has been split into two separate commandments.

As such, in an attempt by the “beast” to “change times and laws”, the Traditional Catechetical Formula for the Ten Commandments within the Catechism of the Catholic Church reads...

Biblical Ten Commandments	Catholic Ten Commandments
1. You shall have no other gods before me.	1. You shall not have strange God's before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.	2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.	3. Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. Honor your father and your mother.	5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not murder.	6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not commit adultery.	7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not steal.	8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

"From Catechism of the Catholic Church"

When Daniel 7:25 expresses that the “little horn” shall “think to change times and laws”, it’s reasonable to conclude that it is God’s “time” within His “laws”, the Ten Commandments, that the Papacy thinks to change - leading us directly to the biblical fourth commandment, which speaks of a certain “time” and of a certain “day” we know as the Sabbath.

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This weekly sabbath, a day of joy as we rest fully in Christ, has sadly become the place of much controversy, and not surprisingly so, as this commandment plays a pivotal role in these last days and, as we'll discuss, will be the measure by which each individual receives either the "mark of the beast" (Rev 13:16) or the seal of God (Rev 7:3).

Jesus taught...

"The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath"
Mark 2:27

This should be a comfort to every Christian, knowing that the Creator of all the Universe has dedicated a weekly day of rest with Him - a day of rest that was "made" for *all* mankind, as this day, the seventh day, the day we've come to know as Saturday, was established and "blessed" at creation.

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And **God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it:** because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."
Genesis 2:1-3

"There is neither Jew nor Greek,... for ye are **all one in Christ Jesus.**"
Galatians 3:28

As *spiritual Israel* and partakers in the second covenant, whereby the Lord has placed His Law in our "minds" and written it on our "hearts" (Jer 31:33), the sabbath, that was "made for man"...

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“...is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations,
that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.”

Exodus 31:13

The sabbath, established at creation (Gen 2:1-3) and a “sign” between us and God, so that we “may know” that it is the “LORD who sanctifies” us (Exod 31:13), will continue to be a “sanctified” day into the “new earth”, as...

“...it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another,
and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh
come to worship before me, saith the LORD.”

Isaiah 66:23

For the “Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath” (Matt 12:8), as this *is*...

“...the LORD’s holy day”

Isaiah 58:13

Sadly, the “beast”, in an attempt to “change times and laws” (Dan 7:25), has hijacked “the Lord’s holy day”, the day which the apostle John referred to as “the Lord’s day” (Rev 1:10), and has applied this term to the first day of the week, Sunday - the day instituted into law by Roman Emperor Constantine in 321 A.D as "the venerable day of the sun" (ministrymagazine.org).

It is through this institution of Sunday sacredness, a man-made institution, that the Papacy has entrapped Christians for over 1700 years within the tradition of Sunday observance, even to the degree that the protestant reformers, though holding to *sola scriptura* (by scripture alone), continued within this tradition of error.

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As such, many Christians today seek to justify their observance of Sunday by citing that it was the day Jesus was resurrected, or that the apostles “came together to break bread” on the “first day of the week” (Act 20:7), although they broke bread daily “...from house to house” (Acts 2:46).

Though many Christians seek biblical confirmation that the seventh-day sabbath, “the LORD’s holy day” (Isa 58:13), had been changed to the first day of the week... they look in vain.

Protestant and Catholic theologians alike have been quite candid in admitting there is no Biblical authority for observing Sunday as a sabbath. In doing so, they acknowledge that it is only by the authority of the Papacy that Sunday is observed. Please take the time to seriously consider these statements from various denominational church leaders and biblical scholars...

“And where are we told in the Scriptures that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh; but we are nowhere commanded to keep the first day The reason why we keep the first day of the week holy instead of the seventh is for the same reason that we observe many other things, not because the Bible, but because the church has enjoined it.”

Isaac Williams, *Plain Sermons on the Catechism*, vol. 1, pp.334, 336.

"It is quite clear that however rigidly or devotedly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath. The Sabbath was founded on a specific Divine command. We can plead no such command for the obligation to observe Sunday There is not a single sentence in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday."

Dr. R. W. Dale, *The Ten Commandments* (New York: Eaton & Mains), p. 127-129.

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"They [Roman Catholics] refer to the Sabbath Day, as having been changed into the Lord's Day, contrary to the Decalogue, as it seems.

Great, say they, is the power of the Church, since it has dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments!"

Augsburg Confession of Faith art. 28, p. 63.

"But they err in teaching that Sunday has taken the place of the Old Testament Sabbath and therefore must be kept as the seventh day had to be kept by the children of Israel These churches err in their teaching, for Scripture has in no way ordained the first day of the week in place of the Sabbath. There is simply no law in the New Testament to that effect."

John Theodore Mueller, Sabbath or Sunday, pp. 15, 16.

"We have made the change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy Catholic Church." *Bishop Seymour, Why We Keep Sunday.*

"There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament, absolutely not. Of course, I quite well know that **Sunday** did come into use in early Christian history... But what a pity it **comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the sun god, adopted and sanctioned by the papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism!**"

Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, New York ministers' conference.

Sadly, the only Commandment within God's Moral Law that begins with the word "Remember" (Exod 20:8) is the very Commandment that many of God's people have forgotten.

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“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
But **the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God**”
Exodus 20:8-10

This seventh day, “the LORD’s holy day” (Isa 58:13), that was established at creation (Gen 2:1-3), has been given to God’s children, “children of the promise” (Rom 9:8), as both a blessed weekly rest and as “a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever” (Exod 31:17), says the Lord. And it is within this very commandment, the fourth commandment, that God declares his “royal seal” of authority as Lord, the Creator of “heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*” (Exod 20:8)

In Revelation chapter fourteen, we are given three end-time messages by three of God’s angels, with the first angel declaring...

“Fear God, and give glory to him;
for the hour of his judgment is come...” v7

And as God’s hour of “judgement is come”, we are called to “worship” Him and are reminded, as declared in the fourth commandment, that God is the Creator.

“...worship him that made heaven, and earth,
and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” v7

As such, and by the authority of God as the Creator of “heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*” (Exod 20:8), through the “...blood of the lamb” (Rev 12:11), we are sealed.

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“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

John 14:15

“Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that
keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

Revelation 14:12

In contrast and clear defiance of God’s fourth commandment, thinking to “change times and laws” (Dan 7:25), the “beast” power of the Papacy has placed Sunday, the “venerable day of the sun”, above “the LORD’s holy day” (Isa 58:13), ...

“...teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.”

Mark 7:7

So, what does the “first beast” of Revelation thirteen say about this “change” and the power that they have self-ordained?

“Had she [Church of Rome] not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her - she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.”

S. Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism* 3rd ed., p. 174.

It is by the authority of the Papacy alone, ...

“...changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow”

Daniel Ferres, ed., *Manual of Christian Doctrine*, p.67

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In somewhat mocking tones, ...

“It is always somewhat laughable to see the Protestant churches, in pulpit and legislation, demand the observance of Sunday, of which there is nothing in their Bible”

Peter R. Kraemer, Catholic Church Extension Society

...that the “first beast” of Revelation thirteen declares its’ “mark”.

“**Sunday is our mark** of authority The church is above the Bible, and this transference of sabbath observance is proof of that fact”

The Catholic Record of London, Ontario, Sept. 1, 1923

With its’ “but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations” progression of Ezekiel eight, we are shown sun-worship as being the greatest “abomination” prior to Christ’s return.

“Behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, **between the porch and the altar**, were about five and twenty men, with **their backs toward the temple of the LORD**, and their faces toward the east; and **they worshipped the sun** toward the east.”

Ezekiel 8:16

These people, though they are “at the door of the temple of the Lord”, have turned their backs on God’s Sabbath, the seventh day, “the LORD’s holy day” (Isa 58:13), and have embraced Sunday as the “venerable day of the sun”.

At this point in time, just prior to the second trumpet, most devout Christians are Sunday observers, to which it’s important for me to make clear that no one currently has the “mark of the beast”.

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But there is coming a time, as revealed in God's Word, after the devastations of the first trumpet, pestilences mingled with war, when Satan announces, in the guise of God "speaking out of the midst of fire", that Sunday *is* the Lord's day, and that we are called to worship him on that day through "Great Babylon", the "Church Universal".

Instead, God's faithful children are called to "come out of her my people" (Rev 18:4), and weep "between the porch and the altar", pleading "spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them" (Joel 2:17).

These are God's children that "weep" for such "abominations", the remnant of God's True Church which "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 12:17). These are God's children who shall receive His blessed "mark" ...

"And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark** upon the foreheads of the **men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations** that be done in the midst thereof."

Ezekiel 9:4

For this *is* the *Seal of God* (Rev 7:3) and the patience of the saints (Rev 14:12), for God keeps "His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments" (Daniel 9:4).

as Jesus taught...

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

John 15:10

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I can appreciate the weight of the message God has called me to share with you, and I pray that you will dive deep into His word, “the sword of the Spirit” (Eph 6:17), so that you may stand upon righteous ground and declare as Jesus...

“It is written”
Matthew 4:4

As I begin to wrap things up, I’d like to explain why I’ve titled this book ‘After Six Days’... but before I do, I’d like to take a moment to address who Alice A. Bailey is, and what it is that Satan has channelled through her into the auspices of the United Nations.

“A Christian missionary turned theosophist whose writings, esoteric school and organisations provided the foundations of the New Age movement. Controversy dogged Alice Bailey from the moment she joined the Theosophical Society and rose to prominence as **teacher and scribe for a master of the wisdom known as the Tibetan**. Her co-workers continue to this day to carry her way of thinking into the auspices of the United Nations, whose World Core Curriculum is based on her ideas.”

Isobel Blackthorn: Life & Legacy

Satan and his angels have been extremely busy, over many centuries, seeding their evil plans into the minds of mankind. Through their influence, governments and super-powers of the world have been shaped and directed upon their rebellious paths, full of twisted truths and secret societies.

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“Bailey founded the Arcane School to propagate the theosophical teachings that came through her channelings from the Tibetan Master.”

encyclopedia.com

“World Goodwill is an organization founded in 1932 to apply the teachings of former Theosophist Alice A. Bailey (1880-1949)... an organization that supports the work of the United Nations and is recognized as an accredited nongovernmental organization.”

encyclopedia.com

It's important for us to consider that Alice A. Bailey “described the majority of her work as having been telepathically dictated to her by a Master of Wisdom, initially referred to only as "the Tibetan" or by the initials "D.K.", later identified as Djwal Khul... Her writings bore some similarity to those of Madame Blavatsky and are among the teachings often referred to as "Ageless Wisdom" ([wiki/Alice_Bailey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Bailey)).

For it is these writings, these teachings, that are carried “into the auspice of the United Nations” and are foundational to the “World Core Curriculum which applies to education of the United Nations framework for dealing with complex issues” (eric.ed.gov/?id=EJ398329).

Her book, ‘Externalisation of the Hierarchy’, is written much like an instruction manual for her disciples - those that are knowingly and unknowingly aligned with the currently hidden workings of the “first beast” of Revelation. This includes affiliates within the United Nations and other worldwide organisations.

Within its “channelled” pages, Bailey lays out the plan and timeframe for Satan’s final deceptions. The “Hierarchy”, as Bailey refers, are fallen angels, whom Bailey always reverences with a capital letter, and Satan, also a fallen angel, is referred to as “the Christ”.

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“They [Hierarchy] will also teach human beings as individuals and as a race to expand their consciousness to include the superphysical.”

(Ex. of the Hier. p. 449).

Showing “great signs and wonders” (Matt 24:24), “false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ” (2 Cor 11:13). - This is what we are headed for...

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Please consider this statement channelled through Bailey in the early 20th Century...

“Today, human beings as a whole are so loudly invocative that the entire trend of the life of the Hierarchy and its plans to date have been subjected to change, to postponement as far as certain interior and purely hierarchical determinations are concerned, and to a hastening of certain plans which were slated (if I may use such a word) to take place several centuries later than this...”

Bailey, p. 495

Could these “slated” plans be referring to the deposal of Pope Pius VI in 1798, as the “beast” received its’ “deadly wound” (Rev 13:12)?

“...but which—owing to the unexpected preparedness of humanity—can take place, not prematurely really, but securely and in the fullness of time; this fullness of time, as regards the particular planning with which we are dealing, is from now until the year 2025.”

Bailey, p. 495

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After flattering her disciples with... “owing to the unexpected preparedness of humanity”, Bailey declares that the “Hierarchy and its plans” are secure and on time. From “now until the year 2025” is the time Bailey refers to as “The Stage of the Forerunner”...

“The present cycle (from now until that date) is called technically “The Stage of the Forerunner”. It is preparatory in nature, testing in its methods, and intended to be revelatory in its techniques and results.”

Bailey, p. 467

Without venturing further in, I would say that the “so called” Covid pandemic was a major “testing” of worldwide “methods”, “revelatory in its techniques and results”, whereby the “pandemic” was the propagator for mass, worldwide injections of unknown substances, and “preparatory in nature”, as laws were reshaped, quarantine facilities built, and the people conditioned in preparation for a real pandemic.

According to the “Tibetan”, channelled through Bailey and embraced by the United Nations, the year 2025 marks the end of the “The Stage of the Forerunner” and a significant step-up for Satan’s end-time push against God’s people to begin.

“The Hierarchy will eventually, under its Head, the Christ [Satan], function openly and visibly on earth. This will happen when the purpose of the divine will and the plan which will implement it is better understood and the period of adjustment, of world enlightenment and of reconstruction has made real headway.”

Bailey, p. 432.

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Although "...we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*" (Eph 6:12), Satan has enjoined mankind in his affairs, of which I'll point out but one curiosity... being that the Hebrew word *nāšā'* means to "deceive" or "beguile" ...

"...The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."

Genesis 3:13

For Satan knows that his time is short (Rev 12:12), and he knows that he is ultimately bound by God's Time - a time that God will eventually "cut short" (Matt 24:22).

"And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days."

Mark 13:20

So, what *is* God's time?

"But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."

Mark 13:32

Often, these words leave Christians lacking the desire to know of Christ's return, thinking God has nothing more to reveal to us in His Word. But it is *The Living Word* and He asks us to "watch" (Matt 24:42), that we may see the season of His coming.

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Jesus spoke often about time. Before His earthly ministry began, He said to His mother Mary, “my time has not yet come” (John 2:4). To His disciples regarding the Cross, Jesus said “My appointed time is near” (Matt 26:18), and throughout the bible we are told of specific chronologies and prophecies of time. God indeed is working in His time (1Tim 6:15).

“For in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.”

Exodus 20:11

God’s work of creation lasted six days and on the seventh day He walked with Adam and Eve in the garden. God’s seven-day cycle is foundational in His plan for our salvation.

God’s seven-day cycle, the cycle we call a week, stands unique to our other measures of day, month or year, which are derived from our perspectives of the earth’s rotation, the moon orbiting around us, and our trek around the sun – but our weekly seven-day cycle comes purely from the Word of God.

Throughout Scripture we can see clearly that this seven-day cycle comprises of two characteristics; “Six” and “Seventh” – and this pattern is shown to us repeatedly throughout the Bible.

“Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land”

Leviticus 25:3,4

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“Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.”

Exodus 23:12

It is this ‘six and seventh’ pattern seen throughout Scripture that has led many Christians to believe, myself included, that Jesus will return on the “seventh”, so that we might again walk with Him face-to-face, as Adam and Eve did on the seventh day.

There are many verses throughout the Bible that mention six days, six years, six sons, six Levites, six lambs, six men, six choice sheep, six on a row [Showbread], six curtains, six names, six waterpots of stone, upon which much analogy could be derived for Christ’s return on the “seventh”, but let’s just look at a few specific verses through “type” and “antitype” application.

As a reminder, a biblical “type” is a symbol, person or event appointed by God to represent a higher/greater truth to come in the future, which is called the “antitype.” For example, the Israelites coming into the land of Canaan are a “type” to God’s people finally entering the Kingdom of Heaven, which is the “antitype”.

With that in mind, consider Exodus 24:16 (type), as God called unto Moses on the “seventh” day, in relation to Revelation 1:7 when Jesus will be “coming with the clouds” (antitype)...

“And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.”

Exodus 24:16

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And consider Mark 9:2, as Jesus was “transfigured” on the “seventh” day, in relation to His second coming...

“And **after six days** Jesus taketh *with him* Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and **he was transfigured** before them.”

Mark 9:2

Now, let’s consider the Passover as a “type” for Christ’s second coming, whereby the blood on the door posts, a sign for protection (Ex 12:7), is the “blood of the lamb” (Rev 12:11) by which we “overcome” and by which God’s people are “sealed” (Rev 7:3) during the “last plagues” (Rev 15:1,2).

“Then Jesus **six days** before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.”

John 12:1

Jesus came to Bethany “six days” before the Passover. Why are we given this information in Scripture? Is there a reason why God wanted us to know that Jesus arrived in Bethany “six days before the Passover”? Perhaps.... What it does tell us is that Jesus was in Bethany for “six days” and then the Passover was on the seventh day.

Substituting “type” (Passover) for “antitype” (Christ’s second advent), John 12:1 would read,

“...six days before the *second coming of Jesus*...”

Interestingly, Bethany is also where Lazarus was “raised from the dead”, which is directly mentioned in John 12:1, and thus links this verse to the second coming of Christ, which will be the time of the “first resurrection” (1 Thess 4:16)

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As one more example, consider Jericho...

“And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do **six days**... and the **seventh day**... all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the **people shall ascend up** every man straight before him.”

Joshua 6:3-5

Though scripture does not give us definitive doctrinal teachings about when Christ will return, and indeed we’re told that “of that day and hour knoweth no *man*” (Mat 24:36), I’m proposing that God has indeed revealed His “times and seasons” within His written word.

In Second Peter 3:8 we are taught,

“...**One day** is with the Lord as a **thousand years**,
and a **thousand years** as **one day**”

And when we read this statement within context, we’ll agree that it relates to the second coming of Jesus, with scoffers saying, “Where is the promise of his coming?” (2 Peter 3:4)

And again, God’s perspective on time is expressed to us through Psalms...

“For a **thousand years** in thy sight *are*
but as yesterday when it is past, and *as a watch in the night.*”

Psalm 90:4

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If a thousand years is “as one day” and Christ returns after six days, being 6000 years, then the thousand years we reign with Christ in Heaven (Rev 20:6), beginning at His second advent, could be considered the “seventh day” - meaning, Jesus may be returning after six thousand years (six days) and at His return we enter a thousand-year sabbath (the “seventh day”) with Him in Heaven.

And just as we are to enter our “seventh day” rest when Jesus returns, the earth too shall rest for a thousand years, after it passes “away with a great noise, and the elements... melt with fervent heat” (2 Peter 3:10), at Christ’s coming.

Job expresses something that might get us thinking...

“He shall deliver thee in **six troubles**:
yea, in **seven** there shall no evil touch thee.”

Job 5 :19

Could Job be sharing a truth about the length of our affliction in this fallen world being likened to “six troubles”, followed by our eternal freedom from evil in “seven”, through Christ’s atonement made complete at His second coming?

If this is so, if Jesus is returning after “six troubles”, “six days”, or six thousand literal years, then the question arises as to how long it’s been since God created Adam?

Many Christians may not be aware that most Protestant Theologians held some level of belief in the “millennial day” theory, as described above. Though one cannot scripturally establish a firm doctrine that Christ will return after six thousand years, this theory resonated with reformers to the extent that they included a biblical timeline in the back of the 1560 Geneva Bible.

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“The Geneva Bible was published by a colony of Protestant scholars in exile from England who worked under the general direction of Miles Coverdale and John Knox and under the influence of John Calvin.”

britannica.com/topic/Geneva-Bible

This genealogical timeline reads:

“The whole sum and number of years from the beginning of the world unto this perfect year of our Lord God 1560, are just 5534, 6 months, and the said odd ten days”

It’s interesting to note their confidence to publish such an exact count, even to “6 months and the said odd ten days”. To publish such a statement in the Geneva Bible would not have come about haphazardly, nor passed *willy-nilly* by the protestant scholars that worked so hard to bring this English translation to God’s people.

This timeline is titled:

“A Perfect Supputation of the Year and Times from Adam unto Christ, proved by Scriptures, after the collection of diverse authors.”

According to their “Perfect Supputation” (A method or system of calculating or reckoning), they have concluded that as of 1560AD, 5,534.5 years have passed since Adam was created.

This indicates that the end of the “sixth day”, or 6000 years of mankind since the creation of Adam, falls between June 2025 and June 2026, dependant on which month in 1560 the Geneva Bible was printed. However, this includes the time Adam and Eve lived in Eden, which, by reason, cannot be part of the “six troubles” (Job 5:19).

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In Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan, the Samaritan indicates to the "innkeeper" that he will be returning in two days, as "he took out two denarii (two days' wages) and gave them to the innkeeper, and said, Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I return" (Luke 10:35amp).

If Jesus is this "good Samaritan" and He is to return two days after His departure, which was at His ascension into heaven shortly after His resurrection (Mark 16:19), and if "one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years" (2 Pet 3:8), then it's reasonable to suggest that Jesus may return in 2031.

Relative to the 1560 Geneva Bible indicating that 2025 could possibly mark 6000 years since the creation of Adam, and with Christ possibly coming 6 years later, in 2031 - I suggest that Adam and Eve lived 6 years in Eden before God sent them "from the garden" (Gen 3:23).

It would be a poetic beauty from our God the Creator if that after six years of perfect beauty within the garden of Eden, on the *seventh* "sin entered into the world" (Rom 5:12). Yet, through the Grace of God, after 6000 years of "troubles", on the *seventh*, in "Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor 15:22).

Yes, Christ is coming soon... I believe ***after six days***



chapter twelve

A Personal Saviour is our God

Does the thought of Jesus coming again soon bring you hope, or have you heard of His soon coming so many times that you automatically respond with an “amen”, while privately thinking, “yeah, but not in my lifetime”? I can understand.

As I testified at the start of this book, I too had placed Christ’s second coming beyond my lifetime, foolishly feeling that His coming might rob me or my children of some worldly joy or experience, while all the while holding to a deep seeded understanding, since my childhood, that Jesus would indeed return in my lifetime.

As I’m writing this, I’m present in knowing my need to hear our Father’s voice, and move in the Holy Spirit’s guidance, as I give my closing thoughts. Too many times have I jumped over myself in dire recognition within worldly affairs, but those times have passed from me now.

My message is simply God’s Word. I have revealed nothing new. I have simply, as God has prompted me to do, presented to my fellow Christians an eschatological reminder. For God has placed within all your hands, as I, the truths we need to hold to during these last days.

“Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass,
till all these things be fulfilled.”

Matthew 24:34

I believe that we have reached this last generation spoken of by Jesus, whereby “all these things [troubles] shall come upon this generation” (Matt 23:36).

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This is the last generation upon which God's wrath shall fall, and with it comes a dire warning, my brothers and sisters. God is calling us "out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev 18:4).

As such, and I pray that we would all agree without doubt, our personal relationship with God, through His son Christ Jesus, is paramount... nothing else matters more.

Above all, the Bible teaches us that we are saved by the grace of God, through the faith we have in Jesus. This is the gift of God that we are free to accept or free to reject.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God"
Ephesians 2:8

To accept God's gift of grace *is* to accept Jesus by which grace and truth come.

"For the law was given by Moses,
but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."
John 1:17

And to know Jesus *is* to know and keep God's laws, for they are truth.

"Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all **thy commandments are truth.**"
Psalm 119:151

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And if we claim to know Jesus, yet break His laws, then we know *not* the truth.

“He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments,
is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

1 John 2:4

And if the “truth is not in him [us]”, then we shall fall into sin...

“...for sin is the transgression of the law.”

1 John 3:4

And though we are not saved by our works, we yearn to keep His commandments because we love Him.

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

And it is through our relationship with Jesus, who *is* “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), that we shall be fortified.

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7

For it was Christ Jesus who said...

“...If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:31,32

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The trap that Satan is setting, to deceive people into believing he is Christ, only has power when we turn our back on scriptural truth. And in these end-times, it's vital that we understand the manner of Christ's return... for all else are lies.

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; **believe it not**. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

Matthew 24:23,24

Jesus continues...

“Behold, I have told you before.” v25

“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.”

Matthew 24:27

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him...”

Revelation 1:7

“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: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds,

to **meet the Lord in the air...**”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

At which “the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, **the earth** also and the works that are therein **shall be burned up.**”

2 Peter 3:10

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And as we live and reign “with Christ a thousand years” (Rev 20:4) in Heaven during our millennial Sabbath, the earth too will rest, for...

“Their Redeemer *is* strong; the LORD of hosts *is* his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that **he may give rest to the land**, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.”

Jeremiah 50:34

We are indeed rapidly heading towards the fulfilment of end-time prophecy, and I pray earnestly that you take heed of this message. Please continue to pray, study and build your foundations on God’s Word, and please take the time to read this book more than once, as there’s a lot to absorb. I wouldn’t want it to simply pass you by.

In closing, I implore that you re-discover “the Lord’s holy day” (Isa 58:13), His seventh day sabbath. The day that was established at creation (Gen 2:1-3) and is a “sign” between us and God, so that we “may know” that it is the “LORD who sanctifies” us (Exod 31:13). For soon, through the union of church and state, the “image to the beast” will be formed, through which Sunday sacredness will eventually be enforced.

But our God is a powerful God, and His love for us is beyond measure, as *is* His righteousness. It is through His son, Christ Jesus, that we shall overcome. So please, open-up His word and spend time with Him.

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“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*. See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*...”

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: **for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.** Quench not the Spirit. **Despise not prophesyings.** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14-21

And may “the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful *is* he that calleth you...”

1 Thessalonians 5:23,24

My brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you, and please...

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

1 Timothy 4:16



God Bless You

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