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“Are We At The End Yet? Chapter 2, Part 1”

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I open this chapter of our teaching by bringing to your understanding the following declarations from God's Word:

- God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. II Peter 3:9
- Eternal glory comes only through Christ Jesus. I Peter 5:10
- Redemption comes only through the precious blood of Christ Jesus, no other way. I Peter 1:18-19
- Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ, there is no other way. I Peter 1:7-9
- Mercy comes only through Jesus Christ, there is no other way. I Peter 1:2-3
- Jesus is the author and finisher of true faith; any other for of faith is not honored by God. Hebrews 12:2
- The only way to gain access to God is through Jesus, there is no other way. John 14:6

My extreme point and belief is this:

The only way to stay free from the spirit of deception and the influence of the spirit of Antichrist is to clearly know who Jesus is; to honor Jesus; to magnify Jesus; to trust Jesus; to have faith in Jesus; and to surrender our lives completely and totally to Jesus.

As we grow closer and closer to the end of this age we will witness and hear those who present a counterfeit gospel that takes away from the Lordship of Jesus, a gospel that is similar to what the Apostle Paul described in Galatians 1:3-24.

The Apostle John was much more adamant about this issue than I am, because he stated:

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is the antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: {but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you." {I John 2:22-26}

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {I John 5:10-13}

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"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." {II John 1:7-11}

In order to clearly understand where we are in God's timeframe as it relates to the end of this present age; we must receive from God's Word with the help of the Holy Spirit the revelation of the following:

A. Who are God's chosen people, according to the scriptures?
Matthew 20:16; John 15:16; and I Peter 2:9

B. Who are God's elect people, according to the scriptures? Matthew 24:31; Luke 18:6-8; I Peter 1:1-2.

C. Who are God's remnant people, according to the scriptures? Isaiah 10:20; Joel 2:32; Jeremiah 23:3; Romans 9:27; and Revelation 12:17.

A Key Point To Always Remember Is This:

There is only 1 Chosen Generation

There is only 1 Holy Nation

There is only 1 Royal Priesthood

There is only 1 peculiar {treasured} people

I Peter 2:9

The master plan of satan to prepare the way for the antichrist (the false messiah) to be received by mankind has been in operation for many years, as identified in:

"I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars" {Revelation 2:2}

"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of satan." {Revelation 2:9}

"I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where satan dwelleth." {Revelation 2:13}

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." {Revelation 3:9}

Why was there so much conflict in the early church concerning false apostles, the blasphemy of those claiming to be Jews, the synagogue of satan, the seat of satan, and the fact that Jesus would make the fake imposters bow before those that He loved? The true answer is found in the Word of God:

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." {Romans 2:28-29}

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." {Matthew 21:42-44}

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God." {Galatians 6:10-16}

"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." {Philippians 3:3}

Now this is where massive deception has entered into Protestant Christianity, and has been accepted by the majority of independent and denominational churches. We have been led to believe and accept as being scriptural that is we honor, promote, and hold in great esteem the people who now live in the nation known as Israel that God would bless us accordingly.

However the fact of the matter is that we who are the body of Christ that trust in the blood of Jesus are really the blessed of God, and we are called to release this blessing on all mankind in order for them to be saved and accept Jesus as their Lord. {See Galatians 3:19} & {Romans 10:8-13}. The chosen people of God are the Body of Christ and we are called by God to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, because the power of prayer is released through the name of Jesus. {See Psalms 122nd chapter}

The people who live in the land of Israel need our prayers of intercession just like the Muslims, Buddhists, Atheist, Agnostics, and other religions that don't know Jesus as their Lord & Savior.

There has been and still is within many Evangelical churches a movement to implement many of the worship practices of Judaism in an effort to discover their "Hebrew heritage." Know this: as a believer in Christ Jesus you are defined as a new creation; born again or born from above; the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus; a new wineskin; a son of God; the redeemed of the Lord; the Body of Christ; the glorified Church; a royal priesthood; a chosen generation, a holy nation; and many more glorious description found in the New Covenant.

The master plan of Satan is to manifest a false messiah {antichrist} empowered by the spirit of deception, and take the whole world captive. He will utilize 'spiritual wickedness' in high places especially to those who will not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. {II Thessalonians 2:7-12}