

Israel and Jerusalem

- in history and prophecy -

Part IV Masterpiece of Deception

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Satan got the one thing he wanted most - to kill the Son of God. But his satisfaction was short lived, because the Father simply raised Christ from the grave (*Gal. 1:1, 1Pet. 1:3, Acts 3:15*). Now, Satan just wants is to steal souls from Christ. If he can bring the whole world to worship himself, then maybe God will have to give up - and hand the world over to his rule. This won't happen either, but that won't stop him trying. He will steal as many as he can.

He will "deceive - if possible, the very elect" (*Matthew 24:24*). The LORD called Israel "My elect" (*Isaiah 45:4*). The word "elect" means "chosen." Paul and Peter include all who come to faith in Jesus Christ - in "the elect". They are looking forward to the return of Messiah with longing, eager anticipation. How could Satan deceive them? Well - what about a counterfeit? Satan is master of the counterfeit. But how would he counterfeit the Second Coming? That would be huge!

Most believers - both Evangelical and Hebrew Root - expect that when Messiah returns in glory, He will immediately set up His kingdom on this earth. They believe that He will then rule for 1000 years of peace. But what if that is NOT CORRECT? What if Christ will NOT immediately set up His Kingdom on this earth, when He returns in glory? What if Christ will return only to rescue His own from this earth - to take them to a place of safety? What if He will not set up His kingdom on this earth until AFTER the 7th millennium?

How would that scenario change your thinking?

Please see the study: "[Millennium](#)". In that study I explain that the seven *last* plagues are so powerful, they will wipe out all life on planet earth. Christ will remove His people from this earth, just before the seven *last* plagues are poured out.

If a Messiah figure does appear - a glorious, powerful being - who begins to rule the nations? How would you determine if this is *really* Jesus Christ, or a counterfeit Messiah? What if he seems to fulfill all the end time prophecies. What if he "saves" Israel from an evil Islamic attack?

Even the average “man on the street” has heard of the “seven last plagues”. But very few understand that the seven trumpet judgments will come before the last seven “bowls of wrath”. The trumpet judgments are just like the seven last plagues, EXCEPT that the trumpets are limited in effect, to one third of everything - one third of the rivers, the trees, the sea, the sun, etc. The trumpet plagues are not universal, but they will be the worst disasters that the world has ever seen - up to that point.

What if the trumpets are mistaken for the 7 last plagues, and *then* a “Messiah” figure appears?

The “**third**” part destroyed by each trumpet disaster gives us a clue to who is behind them. “The tail of the dragon (Satan) drew a third of the stars (angels) of heaven” (*Rev. 12:4*).

I believe that Satan will deceive men into believing that the trumpet judgments ARE the 7 last plagues. He (or a man he channels) will then appear - claiming to be Messiah. The real “Abomination of Desolation” will then “stand in the holy place”- in the Temple on Mount Zion (*Matt. 24:15, 2 Thess. 2:3-4*). The LORD said, “You will see **an enemy in My dwelling place**” (*1 Sam. 2:32*).

CURRENT TEACHING IS PREPARING THE WAY

Many are teaching - that the seven *last* plagues are NOT UNIVERSAL, but are limited to “the land” - meaning “the land” promised to Abraham. I believe this teaching is preparing the way for Satan’s great deception.

In Revelation, the trumpet judgments effect only one third of the grass, trees, ocean, ships, rivers, atmosphere and human population. What if a Middle East war causes “one third” of the Middle East (including “the land” of Israel) to be destroyed. Many believers will think that these judgments *are* the 7 *last* plagues. They have destroyed only “the land,” just as their teachers predicted.

Under the sixth trumpet, “four messengers” - “bound for the river Euphrates,” are released to “kill **a third of mankind**” (*Rev. 9:14-15*). Just about everyone on the planet is expecting a Middle East war. That war and its aftermath, may actually “kill a third of mankind”. It’s possible.

Matthew 24:15-23 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes . . . For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it.”

Read the passage again. 1. They see the Abomination of Desolation standing in the holy place. 2. Get out of Jerusalem quickly! 3. Great tribulation (probably trumpet plagues caused by nuclear war) 4. Then people say, "Look, here is the Christ!"

Many are now teaching that the Antichrist will be Islamic, and "the Beast" will be radical Islam. But what if this is the counterfeit Antichrist, which Satan will set up so that he can appear, as "Messiah," to overthrow *that* "Beast?"

(See *Mideast Beast* by Joel Richardson, WND Books.)

THE GENTILES WILL TRAMPLE JERUSALEM

Revelation 11:1-2 "Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, 'Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.'

During the 42 months, the "two witnesses" will give their testimony in the streets of Jerusalem. When they "finish their testimony", the Beast will order their execution. The bodies of the two witnesses will remain on display for 3 ½ days. Then the voice from heaven will resurrect them, and they will ascend to heaven in a cloud. This is the Second Coming! This is the resurrection of the saints. The 7th trumpet sounds! Read over Revelation Chapter Eleven again.

All right. What do we have so far?

1. A Middle East war, causing terrible plagues that wipe out 1/3 the population of the Middle East (or possibly of earth).
2. A radical Islamic leader takes over the Temple Mount
3. Then a "savior" figure rises to oust the Jihadi.
4. The Temple of Yahweh is restored on Mount Zion and the system of sacrifices is restored.
5. Then the savior figure installs himself in the Temple, and demands the entire world worship (serve) him. He brings a halt to sacrifices at the Temple.
6. During the last 3 ½ years, "two witnesses" preach their warning in the streets of Jerusalem.

A THIRD TEMPLE - REQUIRED

The Antichrist must "take away the daily *sacrifice*" in order to set up "the abomination that causes desolation" (*Dan. 11:31, Dan. 12:11, Dan. 9:27*). This scenario requires a Temple, and the restoration of sacrifices. The "abomination of desolation" must "stand in the holy place" (*Matt. 24:15*). **He must sit "as God in the Temple of God**, showing himself that he is God" (*2 Thess. 2:4*). I believe strongly that another Temple of Yahweh *will* be raised up on the mount in Jerusalem. It will be modeled after the Temple shown to Ezekiel in vision. It will be a counterfeit! Ezekiel's Temple is NOT raised up until the "whole house of Israel" is resurrected and returned to the land. I have tried to explain why this will NOT happen until the 8th millennium.

A COUNTERFEIT

To the Hindu - The 10th Great Avatar
To the Muslim - The Imam Mahdi
To the Jew - Messiah
To the Christian - Christ
To the Atheist - A Beneficent Alien

The restored Beast power (an international authority) is “given authority over EVERY tribe, tongue, and nation. And **ALL who dwell on the earth WILL worship (serve) him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**” (*Rev. 13:7-8, 16*).

The “false prophet” of Revelation 13:11-18, is a religious figure who will encourage all men to cooperate with the Beast system. The “false prophet” will prepare the way for the false “Messiah,” just as John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ. I believe the “false prophet” will come from “the land”. He will be the beast with “two horns like a lamb” who then “speaks like the dragon”.

Only those who hear the Lamb speaking to them, will recognize this “Messiah” as “the abomination” because he will demand they break the commandments of God. This is why the “saints” living during the time of “Babylon” and Antichrist are described as “those who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus” (*Rev. 14:12*).

Do you suppose he will target the Sabbath - the heart of the Covenant ?

ARE YOU READY FOR SUCH A DECEPTION?

I believe that Satan will use the current nation of Israel as the focal point of his grand deception. Many believe that the present nation of Israel is the fulfillment of the promised return. They see Israel as “dry bones” brought back to life (*Jer. 16:14-21, Jer. 23:3-8, Ezek. Chapter 37*) - but the present nation of Israel does not fulfill the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

The “return” of Jews to the land which became the modern nation of Israel following WWII, was not an event brought about by miracles which rivaled those of the first “exodus” from Egypt. We saw no plagues, no opening of a “red sea,” no water brought from a rock, no manna from heaven. We saw only a persecuted, war weary people fighting their way into a portion of the ancient homeland of their ancestors. The throne has not been restored to the Son of David. The lion does not lie down with the lamb. No. We must look to the future for a full and forever deliverance and return of the “whole house of Israel.” Up to this point, those Jews who admit to belief in Christ as Messiah are actually denied immigration. And what of the dead? Daniel was to receive his inheritance (*Dan.12:13*) but there has been no resurrection.

Those who believe that Messiah will reign on earth, during the approaching 7th millennium -
those who believe that Messiah will rule the nations who *survive* the last plagues -
those who believe that the faithful today should go up to the (third) Temple at Jerusalem to
worship or to offer animal sacrifices - **ARE BEING SET UP!**

The LORD is not there. He will not return to His Temple until it is fully consecrated at the 8th millennium.

Please know that I do believe that Jews deserve to have a homeland. They have been persecuted and despised for almost two thousand years. It is right and appropriate that they be given at least some portion of their ancestral home.

I also know that most Jews living in Israel today are secular (non-believers). This has left them open to being used of Satan for his purpose of deception. His deception will be so perfect that ONLY those whose names are “written in the Lamb’s Book of Life,” who are illumined by the Spirit of Christ, will see through the deception and refuse to worship the Beast or to take his mark (*Revelation 13:7-8, 16*).

Many will die for the truth.

OUR HOME IS IN HEAVEN

I have heard various Messianic and Hebrew Roots teachers dismiss the idea that the redeemed will leave the earth during the 7th millennium. They say that Christ has gone to “prepare a place for us” only in the sense of our legal adoption into the family of God. But we are already adopted - “those who are of faith ARE sons of Abraham” (*Gal. 3:7*). I believe Yeshua has gone to prepare a literal place (*Jn 14:2-3*). It’s called “The Holy City.”

Hebrews 11:8-10 “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. . . . For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. KJV

Hebrews 12:22 “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect . . .”

1 Peter 1:3-4 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you . . .”

Colossians 1:4 “. . . because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel . . .”

Philippians 3:20 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ . . .”

Revelation 21:1-2 “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

NOTE: After Gog-Magog (Rev. 20:7-9) comes the “great white throne” judgment (Rev. 20:11-15). Following this last and final judgment, the earth is made new (Rev. 21:1). Only then does John see the New Jerusalem descending to earth, from heaven. The New Jerusalem will not descend to earth, until every trace of evil is gone.

*NOTE: The bride of Christ is the heavenly Holy City.
We who are betrothed to Christ ARE citizens of that city (Hebrews 12:22-24).*

*NOTE: There will be no Temple in that City,
For God and the Lamb are the Temple there (Rev. 21:22).*

Ezekiel’s Temple, is destroyed during the Gog-Magog Battle. It is outside The City (Eze. 45:6). The area given for the New Jerusalem covers all of the territory promised to Abraham - and more. It will be 345 miles on each side and 345 miles high. I personally believe it will be a portal between earth and heaven.

**Our HOME is in Heaven.
We wait for our Savior to come for us.
He will take us to that City.**

*We pray this study will prove a blessing.
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