

REVELATION AGAINST ERROR III

There remain those that do not believe Moses and Jesus, or the Old Testament and the New Testament has any connection, “whatsoever” to do, the one with the other!?

Uuuhh! What did you say? O.K., read the first two (2) lines above again! again!, again ... !

This is a radical notion indeed for the person(s) that see themselves as a dedicated, well balance person of the Kingdom of the One True God of the Bible; which originated with the Nation of Israel. And the notion is serious, “ERROR”!

The following is just a few example of what I mean:

=== Deuteronomy Chapter 18:15 through 18:22 ===

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren (*Israel*), like unto me (*Moses*); unto him ye shall hearken (*or listen*);

Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb (*of Mount Sinai*) in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me (*Moses*), They (*the children of Israel*) have well spoken that which they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I (*the LORD God*) will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren (*Israel*), like unto thee (*Moses*), and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he (*the Prophet like unto Moses*) shall speak in my name, I will require it of him (*whosoever of Israel that will not hearken*).

Deu 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods (*or idols and false gods*), even that prophet shall die.

Deu 18:21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

Deu 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Recall Exodus Chapter 19:5 through 19:24; how the LORD God purposed to make the entire (or whole) nation, priests! And in Exodus Chapter 20:1 through 20:17 the LORD God gave them His Laws that they all would be His priests (to the world, for Him?) according to His Laws!

But in Exodus 20:18 through 20:21 the people became afraid, and changed their minds! And the opportunity for the whole nation becoming priests was missed at that time! Thus, Deuteronomy 18:16 recounts this situation. And since the whole nation would not become priests, standing in the presence God as Moses did; the LORD God gave Moses the alternate approach of “offering and sacrifices” which would result in that described by Deuteronomy 18:17 through 18:22!

=== How Shall We Know the Prophet that is Raised Up Like Unto Moses? ===
Now, the evidence of how the people would know who the prophet God shall raise up among their brethren after the ways of Moses was that he shall be “like unto thee (Moses)”!

This brings us to the question, “what was so obvious about Moses that when we see the Prophet like unto Moses; we recognized Him”?

The answer is, “the miracles; the signs and wonders”, which the LORD God performed by the hands of both men (Moses and Jesus)!

Another less thought about evidence is the, “glory cloud” that was present with Moses, and present with Jesus (see Matthew 17:2 and Mark 9:2)!

And even another witness, in abundance for us today is in accordance with Deuteronomy 18:22! The things He spoke; have they not come to pass in their season? He spoke of His death burial and resurrection on more than one occasion!

Mat 12:38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

Mat 12:39 But he (*Jesus*) answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas (or Jonah the prophet!):**

Mat 12:40 For as Jonas was three (3) days and three (3) nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three (3) days and three (3) nights in the heart of the earth.

Mat 16:1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him (*Jesus*) that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

Mat 16:2 He (*Jesus*) answered and said unto them, **When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.**

Mat 16:3 **And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times (were not the events of raising the dead, the healings, feeding the multitudes sufficient signs?)?**

Mat 16:4 **A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he (*Jesus*) left them, and departed.**

Luk 11:29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he (*Jesus*) began to say, **This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.**

Luk 11:30 **For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.**

=== And what about the, “70 A.D. destruction of Jerusalem”: Study these following New Testament Scriptures! ===

Jesus prophesies of the, “70 A.D. destruction” of the Temple, and Jerusalem, and ensuing wars against Israel unto the time of his 2nd coming:

Matt 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Matt 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, **See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

Matt 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what *shall be* the sign of thy (*next, or 2nd*) coming, and of the end of the world?

Matt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

Matt 24:5 **For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

Matt 24:6 **And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

Matt 24:7 **For nation shall rise against nation (*civil wars*), and kingdom against kingdom (*wars of kingdom against another kingdom*): and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**

Matt 24:8 **All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.**

Matt 24:9 **Then shall they deliver you (*the people of God*) up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.**

Matt 24:10 **And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.**

Matt 24:11 **And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

Matt 24:12 **And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

Matt 24:13 **But he that shall endure unto the end (*or until my 2nd coming*), the same shall be saved.**

Matt 24:14 **And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**

=== But it Seem the Leadership in Judah of Israel Failed to Recognize Him in the Day of His Appearing ==

But, apparently Judah of Israel, in the days of the appearing and ministry of Jesus did not hear Moses according to the description(s) given in Deuteronomy 18:15 through 18:22!

It seems there was no doubt about the authenticity of the many miracles of Jesus; however, there were those that accused Him of being allied with Satan; the devil!

Folks, Jesus said on more than one occasion, if you do not believe just because I said so; believe because of the works (miracles; signs and wonders) I do, which you witnessed!

=== There are Many Other New Testament Scriptures the Lord Jesus spoke that we should hear, Know, Obey, and expect to come to pass; Beginning with the Following: ===

Mat 4:4 But he (*Jesus*) answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

Mat 4:7 Jesus said unto him, **It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan:** for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God (*of Creation, and of Abraham*), and him only shalt thou serve.

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

Mat 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Mat 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Mat 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Mat 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them (*the heathen, and or idol worshipper*): for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Recognize that God has supreme authority when you pray:

Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Forgive others and trust God for meeting your needs:

Mat 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Mat 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mat 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mat 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

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

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Jesus is the resurrection, and\ or regeneration unto life everlasting! But you must take hold of it by believing Him (the grace of God; the Gospel; according to John 3:16):

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
Joh 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?
Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
Joh 14:2 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.
Joh 14:3 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.
Joh 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

But you are also blessed in this time of your living, according to the following:

Mat 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he (*Jesus*) went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
Mat 5:2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
Mat 5:3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Mat 5:4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Mat 5:5 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Mat 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Mat 5:7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Mat 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Mat 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Mat 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Requirements to men for avoiding sin, and remaining sinless!

Mat 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
Mat 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
Mat 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel (*or hide it*), but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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

Mat 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

Mat 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (*or empty headed*), shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Mat 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Mat 5:24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Mat 5:25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison (*in other words, arguing is not a recommendation for settling disagreements?*).

Mat 5:26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Mat 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Mat 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Mat 5:30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Mat 5:31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

Mat 5:32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Mat 5:33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

Mat 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

Mat 5:35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

Mat 5:36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

Mat 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Mat 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Mat 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have
thy cloke also.

Mat 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

Mat 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not
thou away.

Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate
thine enemy.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to
them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh
his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the
unjust.

Mat 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the
publicans the same?

Mat 5:47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even
the publicans so?

Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect
(*which of us are there unto perfect yet!?*).

***But for those of us that fail to meet ALL These standards, must go to the Father in the
name of Jesus for forgiveness, because Jesus is the only one that did meet ALL these
standards, ALL the time!***

***By His grace the LORD God has permitted us to use the name of Jesus, asking
forgiveness; then He (the Father) sees us in Jesus when we come to Him asking
forgiveness. This is our perfection given of Jesus in His atoning sacrifice of crucifixion
on the cross; which perfection is required in the presence of the thrice (or 3 times Holy
God:***

***Holy God the Father; Holy God the Son; and God the Holy Spirit) Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, and AMEN!***

=== Just Look and See: What are Some Other Words Jesus spoke, and Other Gifts He brought at His First Appearing? ===

It is not surprising that everyone would consider any other gift as pale in comparison to the gift of eternal life, and I do indeed agree! But Jesus also speaks of gifts intended for us as we live out the end of this present life:

Luk 24:45 Then opened he (*Jesus*) their understanding, that they (*believers and followers of God and of Jesus*) might understand the scriptures,

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, *Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third (3rd) day:*

Luk 24:47 *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

Luk 24:48 *And ye are witnesses of these things.*

Luk 24:49 *And, behold, I send the promise (gift) of my Father upon you: but (or therefore) tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high (and given the gift of the Holy Spirit, as prophesied by Joel 2:27 through 2:29; which was then fulfilled in Acts 2:1 through 2:18).*

John the Baptist also spoke of this event of the gift of the Holy Spirit as he prophesied and prepared for the appearing of the man, the Lord Jesus Christ and His ministry:

Luk 3:15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused (*considered, or pondered*) in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

Luk 3:16 John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water (*unto repentance*); but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Luk 3:17 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

(The indwelling of the Holy Spirit was witnessed by John the Baptist upon Jesus first as described in (Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, and John 1:22)! There is no scripture indicating that the Holy Spirit has been rescinded from endowing power upon followers and believers of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, since Jesus sent Him in Acts 2:1 through 2:18)! Thus, the power (or gift) of the Holy Spirits is available to saint in the LORD God and Jesus today; and the Apostle Paul's New Testament teachings provides great detail concerning the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12!)

But you must be "Born Again, or Born of the Holy Spirit" in order that the gift(s) can be given!

Joh 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Joh 3:2 The same (*Nicodemus*) came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see (nor even perceive\ imagine?) the kingdom of God.*

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him (*Jesus*), How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second (2nd) time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (physical, or natural birth?) and of the Spirit (the Holy Spirit make His abode| presence with, and in you), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Joh 3:6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh (shall not enter the kingdom of God); and that which is born of the Spirit (born again) is spirit.**

Joh 3:7 **Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**

Joh 3:8 **The wind (a natural, or physical example of the Holy Spirit!) bloweth where it listeth (or want to), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (or Holy Spirit of God). (But no one is born again (or born of the Spirit) except they ask and agree, or consent according to the Gospel and sacrifice of Jesus “on the cross” (it is not an automatic occurrence; Don’t You See?) God does not override the will of anyone in this; remember John 3:16; John 14:6; Romans 10:9 and 10:10)! God wants you with Him, but it is according to your accepting (or coming to) Him, of your own will.**

Anyone that is “born again” has (of necessity, present with them!) the Holy Spirit of God; Jesus sent Him to His followers on the Day of Pentecost! Read Acts Chapter 2 again. If the Holy Spirit were not necessary Jesus would not have sent Him!?

However, one might ignore Him as so many do, and if you walk away from John 3:16/ John 14:6 (and the Judeo – Christian Word of God in general), the Holy Spirit shall not follow your leading away from Jesus! I am persuaded this would be somewhat akin to the action(s) of Judas walking away and betraying Jesus?

Joh 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him (*Jesus*), How can these things be?

Joh 3:10 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Art thou a master (or elder, and leader) of Israel, and knowest not these things? (The Lord Jesus considered this should have been known among the leadership of the Jews. But they, just simply, had not received His witness; the witness of the prophets; (nor even that of Moses; see Deuteronomy 18:15 through 18:22 again!), and as a result, they did not know!)**

Joh 3:11 **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We (God the Father; God the Son; God the Holy Spirit; Moses, and the prophets) speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.**

Joh 3:12 **If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?**

=== What are Some Other Words Jesus spoke Concerning His Second Appearing (or His Second (2nd) Coming)? ===

Jesus Prophecy of His Second Coming:

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand,) ...

The context of this prophecy must be considered on the time line of Daniels 70 weeks alone, which does not include, or the Church age is not part. Refer to, "The Prophecy of Daniel Chapter 9" first; then study Daniel Chapter 12, especially verses 11 and 12.

Dan 12:11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away (*the event of the sacrifice of Jesus, or the 69 ½ week of Daniels 70 weeks*), and the abomination that maketh desolate set up (*man of sin declare himself God?*), *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety (1290) days (*or then this shall begins the final ½ week of Daniel's 70th week, after the Church's rapture?*).

Dan 12:12 Blessed *is* he (*Jesus, Messiah, Atoning Sacrifice, and King*) that waiteth, and cometh (2nd coming) to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty (1335) days (*which is 45 days later than 1290 days*).

This next series of scriptures (Matthew 24:16 through 24:31) is considered to be the time of the Battle of Armageddon? Also see Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39, Zechariah Chapter 14, Revelation 11:15 through 11:19, Revelation 16:16, Revelation 19:11 through 19:21. These are all the same approximate time frame, or "season" in prophecy!

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

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Mat 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days (*perhaps, since any travel shall be so difficult because of the times; the distance, being filled with obstacles/ checkpoints, shall be many days and hours?*)!

Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

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

Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (*The elect is thought to be the remnant of Judah that Jesus returned this 2nd time to save, and any Gentile converts gained to the kingdom of God since the rapture!*).

Mat 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect (*only if it be possible to deceive the elect! Perhaps the LORD shall not allow it to be possible?*).

Mat 24:25 Behold, I have told you before (*during other conversations*).

Mat 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not.

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be *(He shall come out of the direction of the rising sun, and He shall catch, or snatch His people to Him!)*.

Mat 24:28 For whosoever the carcase is, there will the eagles *(fleshing eating birds, and buzzards)* be gathered together.

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens *(spiritual authorities; speaks of anti-Christ(s), fallen angels, demons, and/ or Satan?)* shall be shaken:

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes *(nations)* of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other *(this seems to be different than the rapture, which shall be like as a thief in the night. A great sound of a trumpet marks this event, here!)*.

Signs of the Time, and what the indications shall be of the Return of Christ Jesus:

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree *(the fig tree, Israel was established again after WWII in 1948 A.D.); When his branch (the fig tree\ Judah of Israel) is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh (or what condition(s) is nigh\ about to occur? The 100 year mark of the fig tree (Israel) is 2048 A.D.):*

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it *(the tribulation and 2nd coming of Jesus)* is near, *even* at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation *(the generation that witnesses the beginning signs of the time of the fig tree and return of Jesus?)* shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mat 24:36 But of that *(exact?)* day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only *(but we are encouraged to discern the season(s) of the times, and be ready)*.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe *(Noah)* were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage *(or their daily living same as any other day)*, until the day that Noe *(Noah)* entered into the ark *(or, the Church rapture; which entering the ark that saved Noah and his family, is the type, Don't You See?)*,

Mat 24:39 And knew not until the flood *(2nd return of Jesus; marked first, or signaled by the great earthquake of Revelation 6:12; rather than a flood in the case of Noah?)* came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken *(perish in the earthquake, or taken to safety in the rapture?)*, and the other left *(to go through the tribulation?)*.

Mat 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken *(perish in the earthquake, or taken to safety in the rapture?)*, and the other left *(to go through the tribulation?)*

(Question 1: Are these two verses of Matthew 24:40 and 24:41 telling us that where as all the souls of Noah's day were lost except for eight (8) people (Noah and his family); the souls that shall be lost (or not entered into safety of the rapture\ Ark) at the beginning of the tribulation (Revelation 6:12) to be followed by the 2nd return of Jesus as described in (Revelation 11:15 through 11:19, Revelation 16:16, Revelation 19:11 through 19:21, Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39, Zechariah Chapter 14) shall be greater than fifty percent (50%: One taken, the other left)? Thus, the fate of the one taken shall be "safety in the rapture", or "death by earthquake"! The estimate of people on earth in 2015 A.D. was about seven billion three hundred million (7.3 billion)! If Matthew 24:40 and 24:41 had occurred in 2015 A.D., then 3.65 billion people would have remained on earth to experience the tribulation!

Question 2: So, how many of the remaining folks (50%), on earth, of that day (after Revelation 6:12) would you suppose shall be concerned whether the rapture had taken place: Or Not?

Question 3: Shall we dare imagine that modern conveniences would return to pre-horse and buggy days, because of such great devastation(s) upon infrastructure, brought on by the Revelation 6:12 earthquake?

This earthquake (not the climate!) shall be "just the beginning of the tribulation"! However, the climate shall indeed be impacted.).

Mat 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Mat 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Mat 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

BE WARNED! The Unfaithful Servant shall be rejected:

Mat 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat (or reward) in due season?

Mat 24:46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Mat 24:47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Mat 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

Mat 24:49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

Mat 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Mat 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Sometimes Jesus Spoke in Parables:

Some saints lack full dedication; and therefore, shall not be ready when the Lord returns. Kingdom of Heaven citizens must remain diligent, and not become consumed with distractions by affairs not of the Kingdom of Heaven!

Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps *(or light of the Gospel)* , and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 And five (5) of them were wise, and five (5) *were* foolish *(does this imply even 50% of Christians shall fall by the way side?)*.

Mat 25:3 They that *were* foolish took their lamps *(light of the Gospel)*, and took no oil *(the Holy Spirit)* with them:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil *(the Holy Spirit)* in their *(earthen)* vessels *(and\ or person)* with their lamps *(light of the Gospel)*.

Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept *(or went about their day-to-day earthly living)*.

Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps *(or rehearsed the light of the Gospel)*.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil *(the Holy Spirit)*; for our lamps *(light of the Gospel)* are gone out *(without the Holy Spirit there was nothing to fuel their dedication?)*.

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so;* lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell *(or preach the light of the Gospel)* , and buy for yourselves *(the Holy Spirit did not work where there ceased to be His acceptance with the light of the Gospel?)*.

Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Mat 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us *(these may very well go through the Tribulation described by the Book of Revelation!)*.

Mat 25:12 But he *(the bridegroom)* answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not *(if one is not familiar with the Holy Spirit, Jesus has no recognition of that one. The Holy Spirit is given on the day of conversion for maturing and dedication of the saint. Do not ignore Him! Did the five foolish virgins fall prey to falsehoods unto "another Jesus"?)*.

Mat 25:13 Watch therefore *(and be ready; but you can not without help: John 16:7 through 16:15!)*, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

What the Kingdom of Heaven is like? This parable is as much about unbelieving and\ or rejecting God as it is about believing in God; but disobedient, because the LORD God has benefited all, whether all understand and know it or not!

The Master of the Kingdom shall provide reward for behavior (good, and\ or bad):

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

Mat 25:15 And unto one (1) he gave five (5) talents, to another two (2), and to another one (1); to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Mat 25:16 Then he that had received the five (5) talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five (5) talents *(or gained 100%)*.

Mat 25:17 And likewise he that *had received* two (2), he also gained other two (*or gained 100%*).

Mat 25:18 But he that had received one (1) went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money (*or gained 0%*).

Mat 25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them (*or inventoried their efforts*).

Mat 25:20 And so he that had received five (5) talents came and brought other five (5) talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five (5) talents: behold, I have gained beside them five (5) talents more.

Mat 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Mat 25:22 He also that had received two (2) talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two (2) talents: behold, I have gained two (2) other talents beside them.

Mat 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

But in an effort to justify himself and his actions, the wicked and slothful servant misrepresents his Lord, and Master. This is something many are often guilty of, even sincere Christians.

Mat 25:24 Then he (*the wicked and slothful servant*) which had received the one (1) talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed (*or seeded*):

Mat 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* *thine* (*do you see how the Master is misrepresented; is not all of it, "His"?*).

And we see here the Lord used the wicked and slothful servant's own words (or reasons) to judge him:

If you really knew (and thought) these things of my character why were you not concerned and anxious, and put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with interest/ usury.

Mat 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed (*or seeded*):

Mat 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Mat 25:28 Take therefore the (1) talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten (10) talents.

Mat 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath (*in other words, the Lord shall remove the benefit that he gave in the beginning, even the life*).

Mat 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Nations as the LORD Sees Them at His Second (2) Appearing:

The judgment that shall be executed upon all nations; probably associated with a time including the one thousand (1, 000) year, or millennial reign of Messiah, Jesus!

When He returns, the Lord Jesus shall judge between the sheep nations, and the goat nations:

Mat 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Mat 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats (*the sheep nations and the goat nations*):

Mat 25:33 And he shall set the sheep (*or those nations obedient to him*) on his right hand, but the goats (*those nations not obedient to him*) on the left.

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Mat 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Mat 25:37 Then shall the righteous (*the sheep on his right*) answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?

Mat 25:38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?

Mat 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Mat 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren (*saints of God; but Israel, His chosen Nation in particular*), ye have done *it* unto me.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he (*the King*) say also unto them on the left hand (*which are the goats, or goat nation*), Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 25:42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Mat 25:44 Then shall they (*of the goats*) also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Mat 25:45 Then shall he (*the King*) answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these (*saints of God; but Israel, His chosen Nation in particular*), ye did *it* not to me.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

=== Even if One Returned From the Dead, Most Will Not Believe ===

Lazarus and the rich man

Luk 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

Luk 16:20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

Luk 16:21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luk 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar (*Lazarus*) died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

Luk 16:23 And in hell he (*that had been a rich man*) lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus (*that had been a beggar*) in his (*Abraham's*) bosom.

Luk 16:24 And he (*that had been a rich man*) cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus (*that had been a beggar*), that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Luk 16:25 But Abraham said (*to him that had been a rich man*), Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Luk 16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.

Luk 16:27 Then he (*that had been a rich man*) said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him (*Lazarus that had been a beggar*) to my father's house:

Luk 16:28 For I have five (5) brethren; that he (*Lazarus that had been a beggar*) may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Luk 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

Luk 16:30 And he (*that had been a rich man*) said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

Luk 16:31 And he (*father Abraham*) said unto him (*that had been a rich man*), If they hear not Moses (*as in Deuteronomy Chapter 18:15 through 18:22*) and the prophets (*such as Isaiah, Daniel, Joel ... !*), neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead (*as in the brother of Martha and Mary whom Jesus raised from the dead; or as the resurrection of Jesus, described by the New Testament Gospels*).

=== The Alpha and the Omega: ===

The Apostle John recorded visions the Lord Jesus showed him in the Book of Revelation! The visions Jesus gave John concerning His person (or who Jesus is), revealed that He is the Alpha and the Omega!

Rev 1:3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

Rev 1:4 John to the seven (7) churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven (7) Spirits which are before his throne;

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Rev 1:8 **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord (**Jesus**), which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet (***as the sound of a trumpet is clear and distinct, so was the voice?***),

Rev 1:11 Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven (7) churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.**

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he (***God; Alpha and Omega?***) will dwell with them, and they (***men; but more specifically, those that have been "born again\ resurrected\ regenerated\ given eternal life"!?)***) shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things (***or dispensations!?***) are passed away.

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new**. And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful**.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, **It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely**.

Rev 21:7 **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son**.

Rev 21:8 **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second (2nd) death (*or the great white throne judgment described in Revelation 20:11 through 20:15!*).**

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