

## Lesson 20

# The anti-Christ in Revelation

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The Book of Revelation is a continuation of the Book of Daniel. True they are written by different men around 600 years apart, but the theme and purpose of the two are the same. The following verses of the Book of revelation reveal another aspect of the anti-Christ, first to reinforce that it is the anti-Christ that Jesus is giving visions to John of, and then to show the anti-Christ as it exist after the wound that heals, and during the End of Days.

You should keep in mind that the Book of Revelation is an End of Time and an End of Days book of prophecy. As such virtually everything that is spoken of is a Symbolism for something else, and the one day for one year calculation is required for all time prophecies given except one.

**Take Note:** Chapter 12 of the Book of Revelation is a continuation of the Book of Daniel. As with the Book of Daniel, God uses the Expand and Review teaching method, by giving references that are unmistakable to references in Daniel, then expanding upon what was shown in Daniel with new information. This new information gives enhancement to the Identifiers of the anti-Christ that gives certainty that what we assumed in Daniel is in fact the truth.

## Symbolism of Christ

### The Woman Clothed with the Sun

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: **Revelation 12:1***

I suggest that this woman is not Jesus the flesh and blood man, as many believe, but the worship of God as practiced by the children of Israel, otherwise known as the Israelites, and defined as **those who keep the Commandments of God**, which is the one and only true worship of God as God commands, prior to the advent of Christ.

A church is not a brick and mortar building. A church can be a single lone individual giving worship to God, to a congregation of people to a multitude of congregations around the world, all giving worship to God. It is the people, the Saints of God, which this woman represents. More than that however, this verse is also speaking of the Faith of God given by those who believe that the Word of God, God's Holy Scripture, is supreme over all else in the universe. If you give true and correct worship to God, then you already believe that the Word of God is "**Truth**."

That the woman clothed in the sun is with child, suggests to me, that the woman is about to bring forth out of the worship of the God of Israel, the Church of Christ. Jesus first preached to the descendants of Jacob, and it is from them that the Church of Christ evolved, or should I say, was born. The faith of the First Israelites is not exact to the church of Christ, there are differences, which are why the Church of Christ evolves from the Faith practiced by the First Israelites, but it still has at its base or foundation most of the same aspects of worship that the First Israelites had.

## The Sun Symbolism

The woman is clothed with the sun because the sun or raiment of light represents purity and righteousness in the eyes of the Lord. The sun also represents Creation, and that this woman is symbolic of all of creation and that as a symbolism of God, she is shown to be the Creator.

## The Moon Symbolism

That the woman stands upon the Moon is representative of the fact that the Moon is the closest heavenly body to the Earth, and therefore represents or symbolizes all of God's creation, which is to say that the woman or the church, which is the people, who are the Saints of God, and they worship God who is the creator of all that is or will be. In short, the Saints of God give worship to the God of Creation.

## Crown of Twelve Stars

The Crown of twelve Stars represents the twelve tribes of Israel, which are at the core to the faith that God attempted to instill into the children of Jacob. Each tribe is named after one of the twelve sons of Jacob, and all who are born into each tribe are blood descendants of Jacob. The Church of Christ is founded upon the foundation of that faith and the twelve stars are representative of that fact.

**Remember:** Jacob was renamed Israel because he overcame his sins, the sons of Jacob also overcame their sins, when they repented and then asked their brother Joseph to forgive them for selling him into slavery. It is for this repentance of their sins that the twelve sons of Jacob are Israelites, as are all who repent their sins and look to God for forgiveness.

## The Jews and Christ

*And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.* **Revelation 12:2**

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## The Red Dragon

*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.* **Revelation 12:3**

The Red dragon is not Satan the individual, but like the woman dressed in the Sun discussed above, represents Satan's False Gospel, just as the Woman is not Jesus, but represents God's Holy People, (the Church of Christ).

## Two Gospels

Take a moment to consider this. First God shows us a symbolism for his Holy Gospel, and his church, then immediately afterward's, back to back; he gives a symbolism of Satan's false gospel. God does this as a way of telling us that there are two gospels, and God is giving warning that we need to be diligent if we are to be able to recognize the true worship of God which is based upon God's Holy Gospel, for this false worship, which is based upon Satan's False Gospel. This will be explained latter.

**Remember:** the description given here of the symbolism of the Red Dragon is the Church of Satan, which is founded upon Satan's False Gospel.

## Seven Heads

*And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. **Revelation 17:9***

**"Having seven heads,"** is a reference to the seven hills (mountains) that the city of Rome (Babylon the Great) sits upon. The City of Rome has historically, almost from the foundation of the City of Rome itself, been referred to as the city on the seven hills.

## Ten Horns

*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. **Revelation 17:12***

**"And ten horns,"** is reference to the original ten kingdoms that formed after the demise of Imperial Rome, or their national power.

## Seven Crowns

**"And seven crowns upon his heads,"** is also a reference to the seven remaining kingdoms and that they are sovereign nations or kingdoms. That they are shown to be crowns upon the heads of Satan are to symbolize that they are under the control or influence of Satan, which is why God refers to them as having committed fornication with the Harlot Woman, which is the anti-Christ.

*These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. **Revelation 17:13***

I suggest that the reason God is portraying these seven remaining kingdoms from the fall of the Western Roman Empire, is because they still are dupes and partners with the anti-Christ during the End of Days just as they were in the Dark Ages.

## Makes War on the Saints of God

*And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

### **Revelation 12:4**

**“And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven.”** It was by Satan’s lies that a third part of the angels of heaven were corrupted and forced out of Heaven the same time that Satan is forced out. In that it was by Satan’s Lies that they were forced out of Heaven, this gives support to the fact that the Red Dragon is a symbolism of Satan’s False Gospel.

**“And did cast them to the earth,”** and thus cast down to the earth out of heaven, or as this symbolism is showing us, it is by the Church of Satan, which is based upon Satan’s false gospel, that one third of the angels in heaven, rebelled against the worship of God.

**“And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered,”** the Red Dragon or the false gospel of Satan symbolically stands before the woman or the Holy Children of God as fulfilled or brought to completion by Jesus, at its birth, with the intent on destroying the Church of Christ before it has a chance to grow. What this symbolism is attempting to show us is that Satan’s false gospel is so close to God’s Holy Gospel, as to make anyone who is not diligent in their worship of God, to be deceived into thinking that Satan’s false gospel is in fact God’s Holy Gospel.

**Remember:** God wants that we understand that there are two gospels, one that speaks lies, and the other that speaks truth. Think of it like this, after the crucifixion of Jesus, the people were told of the teachings of Jesus by his apostles, but at the same time others who professed to be Jesus or one of his apostles preached not the teachings of Jesus, but a distorted version of them. This attempt by Satan to confuse and corrupt the teachings of Jesus is still going on today. Only by accepting the written word of God, which can only be found in God’s Holy Gospel, can you know God’s true word. Because the Bible is polluted by these false words and interpretations, it is necessary that you study the Bible diligently. Just reading the words as you would the words in a novel, will not give you God’s True Word, but will reveal Satan’s false gospel thereby deceiving you from the Word of God.

## Birth of the Church of Christ

*And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. **Revelation 12:5***

There are many who consider this verse as proof that these verses are talking about the flesh and blood man Jesus, and that it is Jesus who will rule the nations with a rod of iron, and that in his death upon the cross, he was taken up to God.

These above verses however have to do with identifying the anti-Christ, (the False Religion) and how it is attempting to counterfeit the true worship of God, so the depiction of a man child I consider to be a symbolism of the true worship of God, and that the Christ Jesus was a man, is to show that they the Church of Christ is of Christ and his teachings. It can also be shown as a man child because in that age, only a man child would be accepted as anyone with authority, little girls, being not much more than that of chattel. I further give support to this with the following verses.

## He That Overcomes

*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:*

**Revelation 2:26**

Those that overcome are those who through diligent study of scripture, see Gods truth, and are therefore not deceived by Satan's lies and deceptions, and are therefore converted into the true and correct worship of God.

*Keepeth my works unto the end,* means to obey and keep the Laws of God, from the time you understand them until and forever, that you never turn from God's Law once it is understood by you.

## Rule with a Rod of Iron

*And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. **Revelation 2:27***

You see, it is Jesus speaking and he is telling us, that to those who keep his works, (the Ten Commandments and the other teachings of Jesus), who will be given power over the nations. Therefore it is not Jesus himself that **Revelation 12:5** refers, but to the Saints of the Lord, or the true Church of Christ.

**Remember:** a church is not a brick and mortar building, but are the people in congregation in the worship of God. This is also telling me that these verses are giving prophecy of some of what it will be like during the thousand year reign of Jesus on Earth.

## The Child Taken up to God

**“And her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”** That the child is taken up to the Throne of God, is only expected, after all, the Gospel of God is a faith or a form of worship, and it is founded upon God’s Holy Gospel, and he will protect it from heaven where he, God can keep it untainted until it is ready to be given back to the inhabitants of Earth.

**Remember:** God’s Holy Gospel as given in the books of the Old Testament is incomplete. What God is saying here is that his Holy Gospel is going through a rebirth, due to Jesus’ death upon the cross, and is no longer here on Earth, and that he took it up into heaven to protect it from Satan’s influence. This is supported by the following verse.

## The Everlasting Gospel of God

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. **Revelation 14:6***

You see, God’s Holy Gospel, as it is fulfilled by Jesus, is in Heaven in the care of an angle, that which we call the Bible, which is left on Earth has been so corrupted by Satan’s lies that it is no longer the word of God. Fear not, God tells us, even in this polluted Bible his truth can still be found.

*I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

You see, if you are diligent in your study of the Bible you will still be able to find the True Word of God and with knowledge obtained by your diligent study, the lies of Satan will be manifest to you as the lies that they are.

## The Saints of God

*And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.* **Revelation 12:6**

**The woman fled into the wilderness:** The woman, or the Church of Christ or the people, or Saints of God, **those who keep the Ten Commandments and have the testimony of Jesus Christ,** is given a place in the wilderness, away from the anti-Christ (Satan's False Religion) and his merciless persecution.

## The Persecutions of the Saints

This is shown in history, when beginning with the Temple Elders and continuing with Emperor Nero and Satan's influence over him, the systematic persecution and murder of the Saints of God began, years before the establishment of the anti-Christ as an Imperial Power, the saints of God were forced to leave the cities and other areas of civilization to go into the wilderness, where they could worship God unmolested by the power of Satan and his influence over the rulers of Rome. Such was Satan's control and influence over the Caesar's of Rome.

## Twelve Hundred and Sixty Years

The reference to, **a thousand two hundred and threescore days,** is a reference to 1260 prophetic days, or 1260 literal years.

**Remember:** the one day for one year from Ezekiel, is the same amount of time that the anti-Christ is given to make war upon the saints of God as shown in the book of **Daniel 7:25**. That these two time periods are the same in length tells me that they are congruent with each other. After all, there would be no reason for the saints to be kept in a place of protection if the power of the anti-Christ is no more, therefore the starting date (538 AD) and the ending date (1798 AD) of this 1260 year period is the same as is the 1260 year period that is given for the anti-Christ to make war on the Saints of God.

## War in Heaven

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. **Revelation 12:7***

Now that God has given review of the Book of Daniel, he gives additional information, or expands upon what we already know.

Did you catch that? I am sure you have heard of wars in various places on the Earth, but would you ever have considered that *a war would break out in heaven*, in the very home of God?

**Remember:** in the Book of Daniel, the angel Gabriel tells Daniel that the angel Michael is the guardian angel of the children of Israel; keeping in mind what I showed you about whom the children of Israel truly are.

## Satan Prevailed Not

*And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. **Revelation 12:8***

Satan and his fallen angels do not prevail, and because they did not prevail they are expelled from heaven, never to be allowed back in. Know this, Satan and those other fallen angels were not defeated with the force of arms or any other kind of weapons used by Man in his wars, but by the Word of God, because it is truth, and lies have no foundation to give it support, but truth does, in that it is the Word of God recorded and published through history in the pages of the Books of the Bible.

## Cast out of Heaven

*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angles were cast out with him. **Revelation 12:9***

*And the great dragon*, gives verification that the Dragon spoken of earlier, is in fact Satan, the Devil. The good news is that Satan does not prevail against God and God's righteous angels, but look where Satan goes when he is thrown out of heaven; the bad news is he is cast out into the earth where we humans are then forced to contend with him.

## The Accuser is cast down

*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." **Revelation 12:10***

You see, Satan did not just besmirch the good name of God, but he continually accuses us, humanity, brethren to the angels, day and night to God. We are brethren to the angels because we, those of us who keep the commandments of God and the teachings of Jesus, the true faith, are one with God as are the angels. Satan hates humanity, and wants to destroy us, and in so doing, destroy our chance of entering heaven.

## The Blood of the Lamb

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. **Revelation 12:11***

What this is talking about is that we on the Earth who keep the Commandments of God, and by our faith in Jesus our savior and his blood that he shed for our sins, that we overcome Satan. Our battle against Satan must be fought, not with weapons or physical violence but by the faith that we the Saints of God have in God, and the blood of the Son of God and our testimony that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, and that his teachings are the Holy Gospel of God. As the Saints of God, this is how we will deal with Satan here on the Earth. Do not resort to violence, for God will exact his vengeance upon those that would kill us for our faith, we need not attempt to avenge ourselves. In this verse God is showing us how we are to resist Satan and his false church, not with violence but in our testimony and faith in Jesus and through him in God our father.

## Woe unto the Earth

*Therefore rejoice ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

**Revelation 12:12**

First those in heaven are told to rejoice, but Woe to we who live on the Earth, because it is to the Earth that Satan and his fallen angels are sent.

# Satan Persecutes the Man Child

*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***

The woman is the Church of Christ, or those who keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. In this verse we are being told that it is the Man Child, which is the Completed Gospel of God, which Satan is persecuting. This is true in that the anti-Christ and those before it that give support to Satan's False Gospel, reject and preach against the Word of God, preaching false doctrine.

At first Satan made use of the Elders of the Temple in Jerusalem, to persecute and murder those who kept the faith that Jesus taught them. Then after God had the temple destroyed and the power of the Temple Elders to persecute the followers of Jesus removed from them, Satan made war upon the Saints of God with his influence over the Emperors of Rome. Then with the fall of the power of the Roman Empire, Satan caused the establishment of his anti-Christ, which then persecute all who are Saints of God, until the anti-Christ has its power removed from it in 1798 by Napoleon.

## Persecuted Continuously

There is something you should give consideration to. As I mentioned earlier, Jesus tells us that the Saints of God will be persecuted continuously, that being true and you consider yourself to be a Saint of God, then why are you not being persecuted? Consider the definition of who God considers his saints to be, and then look at yourself to verify if you and your beliefs fulfill this definition, if not then consider what Jesus said when he said only those who are reborn can ever enter heaven.

## A Mirror into your Soul

Think of it like this, the Ten Commandments are likened unto a mirror. When you look into a mirror you can see if your hair is in order, or your tie is on straight, etc. This allows you to ensure that you are presentable to go out into public. The Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus accomplish the same thing except it is the morality of your soul that you are looking at and giving assurance of.

## The Woman Protected

*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***

The Church of Christ, those who worship God as he commands, are forced to flee civilization and go into the wilderness where the anti-Christ has no way of reaching them. This is once again shown as a time prophecy of **a time, and times, and half a time**, or as I have shown you before, 1260 literal years, the same amount of time that the anti-Christ has to persecute God's saints, therefore this time prophecy begins and ends on the same dates as does the time that the anti-Christ will have to war upon the Saints of God.

## Serpents Flood

*And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. **Revelation 12:15***

This verse is telling us a lot of information; I will try to show all of it to you.

**Remember:** the churning violent sea is a symbolism for a place where other nations, kingdoms, and peoples had already existed? This symbolism of Satan or the Serpent, spewing forth water as a flood from his mouth, is similar in meaning. Satan will by vastness of overwhelming numbers attempt to smother those that adhere to the true worship of God, by drowning them in a religion that has the sound, and feel of the true faith, but is the Church of Satan, and not of Christ. In this way millions will be deceived into thinking that they worship God, but actually do not. Only those that are of the true faith will thus be able to discern Satan's lies for the lies that they are, and will be able to stand against this flood of false gospel.

As I have already shown, the symbolism of the **mouth spewing out water**, and how it is representative of Satan's False Gospel being spoken. The **flood** is that because of the overwhelming numbers of those who accept the False Gospel of Satan as opposed to the handful that hold to God's Holy Gospel as it is given in the Holy Scripture.

Those who are thus able to discern the truth will be persecuted continuously, not only by the anti-Christ which is the Church of Satan, (The Roman Catholic Church), but also by those who worship in the other false churches. This will be explained shortly.

## The Earth Protects

*And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. **Revelation 12:16***

As with the churning sea, which represented past peoples and nations, the symbolism of the earth, depicts a place that has never had such nations, kingdoms, or empires before, thus it is a symbolism for a virgin land, which can also be shown as the wilderness.

*The earth opened her mouth, and swallowed the flood,* is symbolic for a place that those not of the Church of Satan are able to go to, that affords them freedom to worship without the fear of persecution. If you give thought to this, perhaps you can determine the virgin land, which those who wish to worship freely go to, in history, which is the area of the United States of America and Canada.

However South America and Mexico, though starting out virgin lands are almost from the beginning brought under the power and influence of the Church of Rome by Spain and Portugal, which is why the above is not a reference to those lands.

## Definition of a Saint

*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Revelation 12:17***

To be a Christian does not mean that you are a Saint of God, just as to be a Jew makes you an Israelite. A Saint of God, keeps the Ten Commandments, all ten of them, and also accepts the Teachings of Jesus and the morality that Jesus taught.

**The Dragon** is a symbolic representation of Satan.

**The Woman**, as given in this verse, is a symbolic representation of the True and Correct worship of God, or God's Holy Gospel as given to us in the Ten Commandments of God and the Teachings of Jesus Christ. In short, **the Woman** represents **the True Church of Christ**.

**Her Seed** represents those who give true and correct worship to God, or **the Saints of God**, as is then defined in the following: "**Which keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**"

The word "**wroth**" as defined from the Greek word, "**Orgizo**," means: **to be provoked into rage, or extreme anger**. Satan is enraged with the true worshipers of God, whom this verse defines as **those which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ**, which is also the definition of who the Saints of God are.

**To make war with them**, is **to persecute, give false testimony over, and then to hunt down and kill, by way of burning at the stake, and beheadings**.

Those of you who call yourselves Christian, but believe that the Ten Commandments were fulfilled by Jesus on the cross to the point that they are somehow rendered obsolete, should give special consideration to this verse, the reason Satan is not persecuting you, is because you do not fill this definition of what it means to be a Saint of God.

**Remember:** if you do not worship God exactly as he commands neither adding to nor subtracting from the worship that he has spelled out then you do not worship God at all, but some invention of your own, which defaults to a worship of Satan, which is why you are not being persecuted. Why would Satan persecute those who are already lost?

## A Vision of the anti-Christ

In the above we saw how Satan attempts to destroy the newly born Church of Christ, and though he has some success the destruction is not complete. It is for this reason that he establishes his anti-Christ, which is a counterfeit of the Church of Christ, and the False Church of Satan.

In the verses of the Book of Revelation Chapter 12, God is showing a review of what was given in the Book of Daniel. In the following verses from Chapter 13 God reveals the anti-Christ in another symbolism so

as to show the evolution of the anti-Christ from a little entity located in Europe into a worldwide religion including more than just the Church of Rome.

## Another Symbolism of the anti-Christ

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

God is once again giving us a lesson in review and enlarge, of what he has shown us before in the Book of Daniel, with an added meaning. This is to inform us that the Book of Revelation is a continuation of the Book of Daniel. In order to understand Revelation, you first need to understand the Book of Daniel, and before you can understand the Book of Daniel, you first need to understand the historical overview of why God voided his covenant with the nation of Israel, and established a new covenant with those who keep the Ten Commandments and also have the teachings of Jesus, and accept Jesus as God in the flesh of a man. This historical overview is best shown in the Books of Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

These verses are giving the second symbolism of the anti-Christ. With this verse, God will always refer to the anti-Christ as the "**Beast.**"

The first symbolism of the anti-Christ was that of a "**Little Horn.**"

The Second symbolism of the anti-Christ is the "**Beast.**"

The Third symbolism of the anti-Christ is that of the "**Harlot Women.**"

## Rises Out of the Sea

**“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea.”** Again, the sea is symbolic of a place of many peoples and nations. This verse is another symbolic showing of the anti-Christ. In Daniel the anti-Christ is depicted as a "**Little Horn,**" to show that it like the first ten horns was a little kingdom or nation. As you may recall the symbolism of showing a beast coming out of the sea, as was shown when God portrayed the four ancient empires as beasts coming out of the sea, is to reveal the anti-Christ as a kingdom or a nation of Imperial control of those peoples under its influence as well.

**Remember:** the definition of an empire is a group of nations all under a central governing body or ruler.

## Resembles the Dragon

“Having seven heads and ten horns.” You might have noticed that the description given to this beast is similar to the description of the Red Dragon, or of Satan in **Revelation 12:3**. This is to point out that this “Beast,” (the anti-Christ), is of Satan and not of God.

## The Name of Blasphemy

“And upon his heads the name of blasphemy,” which is a symbolism to show us that this anti-Christ is not of God but in opposition to all that is of God and worshiped, in that it blasphemes against God.

**Remember:** this is a symbolism of the anti-Christ; therefore the “Name of Blasphemy” written upon its heads is symbolic of the False Gospel on which the anti-Christ religion is based.

Just as the Name of God is defined by God’s personality, personal honor, and his moral character, the name of Satan is also defined by those same things. It is seeing the differences between the two which helps you to see God and not be deceived by Satan and his lies.

**Take Note:** God is showing the anti-Christ as a beast coming out of the sea here in Revelation, just as he did in the Book of Daniel. This he does to show us that it is the same anti-Christ as given identity in Daniel, and therefore God is once more referring to the time of the 1260 years that the anti-Christ has to make war on the Saints of God, whereas the symbolism of the Harlot Woman in chapter 17 of the Book of Revelation is a reference to the End of Days, and not so much to the End of Times.

## Four Empires Combined

*And 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***

In this verse, God is depicting the anti-Christ as a compilation of all the previous Empires from the Book of Daniel, into one power, that of the anti-Christ. This beast that comes out of the sea, is a jump forward in time from the four empires of old to the purpose of establishing these symbolisms, this beast is the compilation of all four into one. I hope you understand that the Ten Nations that form after the fall of the City of Rome and the

Imperial Government are still "Rome," which is to say that the nations of Europe, God considers as being part of the anti-Christ.

**Remember:** at the beginning I told you that you must read from the beginning and not jump around through the lessons? It is for this reason that this is so, for how else would you understand the significance of the four beasts if you did jump around?

If you look at this, you will see that the beasts from Daniel are being depicted in the reverse order that Daniel showed them, with the beast with the ten horns coming first in **Revelation 13:1**, to the beast that was like a lion coming in last.

This verifies what I said above. If you recall, three of the four beasts of Daniel, were likened that of a leopard, a bear, and a lion, and the fourth was so fearsome that Daniel could not give description to it. That this new beast in **verse 13:1** has all four of those characteristics suggests that it is the end result of aspects of all four empires, and that the anti-Christ or the Church of Satan in the End of Days is an empire as well.

The Dragon is Satan and the Church of Satan, and based and founded upon Satan's False Gospel, Satan gives this beast, the anti-Christ, which is the compilation of all four of the empires, his **power and his authority**, which is to say that the anti-Christ is the Church of Satan on Earth. Just as God gave Jesus, his power and authority, Satan gives his anti-Christ his power and his authority. In giving us this vision, God is showing us, so we will know that Satan is establishing a false religion just as God and Jesus established the true worship.

## The Mortal Wound that Heals

*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***

This prophecy foretells of the anti-Christ and that it is wounded, but that the wound heals. This occurs when Napoleon arrests the Pope of the Church of Rome and removes him from the Vatican, then takes all the wealth of the Church as tribute to the French Republic.

This verse is still talking about the beast that compiles all of the other four beasts from Daniel. This tells us that it (the anti-Christ) is mortally wounded, but that it does not die but instead heals, or you could think of it as resurrecting from the dead, just as Jesus did. Again, Satan is establishing a counterfeit religion. He is

attempting to cause us to think that his anti-Christ is in fact the Church of Christ, by having it look so much like Jesus and the Church of Christ.

That the world would wonder that what should be dead has arisen is understandable. I am also of the opinion that their wonderment is also confusion. First you have God causing Jesus to rise from the dead, then this entity, proclaiming itself to be Jesus hidden in the flesh of another man, which seems to have been revived from the dead as well, those without the knowledge of God's Truth, are easily confused and deceived.

## Anti-Christ is Worshiped

*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, who is like unto the Beast? Who is able to make war with him? **Revelation 13:4***

That those witnessing this to think that the false is true is understandable, however as shown in **Daniel 7:8**, the anti-Christ is not a single man, but a power that has at its leadership a man and that man changes over the years, but the position or the office is the same. Which is why I say that it is not Jesus the man that we are talking about here, but the Church of Christ, and Satan is attempting to make his false church so resemble the Church of Christ, that we who are weak in our faith will see it as being the true faith, when it is a false substitute church.

It is further important that you understand, in this verse God is telling us that first the people of the world worshipped the Dragon, (Satan) which gave power to the beast (the anti-Christ). This is to show you that when the identity of the anti-Christ is finally understood by you, that you will then understand that this religion is in fact not of God but of Satan and to worship through this religion is to worship Satan not God, so that when you understand this, you will be able to differentiate between the two gospels.

## Forty Two Months

*And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. **Revelation 13:5***

God wants that we understand that as in **Daniel 7:8**, these are the same things being shown. The anti-Christ is portrayed as having a mouth that speaks blasphemies against God, and his laws in this verse just as in Daniel the Little Horn is portrayed as having eyes of a man and a mouth speaking blasphemies.

Forty two months, equals 30 days in a month average, times 42 months or 1260 days. If you notice this again is given in **Daniel 7:25**, only in Daniel it is given as a time and times and the dividing of time, which I showed you as calculating out to three and a half years or 1260 days. God uses the forty two months so as to verify that the less understandable reference “a time and times and the dividing of time,” is verified to be 3.5 years or 42 months, or 1260 prophetic days. Again, this is an example of the teaching method of “**Review and Enlarge.**”

## A Mouth Speaking Blasphemy

*And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **Revelation 13:6***

The mouth is symbolic of the anti-Christ’s ability to attempt to change the laws and times of God.

**Remember:** the laws of God are the Ten Commandments, therefore the anti-Christ attempts to change or reduce to insignificance the Ten Commandments, and it makes war on the very law that is up held in heaven as it will once again, with the Second Advent of Christ, be on the earth.

There is something else you should be aware of, the Ten Commandments amount to the name of God. The Ten Commandments are a reflection of who God is; God’s personality and his moral character; this is another way of giving definition of a name. I will be getting deeper into explaining this latter on.

## Who the anti-Christ Wars against

*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. **Revelation 13:7***

By making war with the saints, the anti-Christ is not only going against the Messianic Jews, or the people of those converted to Christ during his ministry, but to all peoples and nations that when shown God’s truth, worship God as he commands. This is to show that it is not just the Jews and their faith that the anti-Christ is at war with. If you give it thought, why would Satan go to war against the Jews, they no longer worship God as he commands, in that they do not recognize Jesus as the living God in the flesh of a man. Satan has already won out over the Jews. However the Messianic Jews and those Gentiles that keeps the Commandments of God and believes that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, are those that Satan wants to destroy.

## Not in the Book of Life

*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **Revelation 13:8***

These three verses go together, and reveal the efforts of the anti-Christ in waging war against the saints of God. Make sure you understand that not all will worship the anti-Christ, only those whose names **are not** written in the book of life. This thought saddens me, for I have family members that I cannot reach. Despite all that I have written, they reject what I have told them, refusing even to read and there by fulfilling this prophecy in a very intimate way for me.

## Any man have an ear

*If any man have an ear, let him hear. **Revelation 13:9***

This phrase or something similar to that which is used often in the Bible, is Gods way of saying, if you study diligently this question, you will acquire understanding of what God is about to tell you. It is also letting you know that what he is about to say is very important and that you need to understand what is meant, if you do not understand then through prayer and diligent study of scripture you need to learn the truth, your immortal soul hangs in the balance.

## Killed with the sword

*He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. **Revelation 13:10***

Here God is informing us that the anti-Christ will take into captivity many of the saints, as is documented in the Church of Rome's trials of inquisition, which is why they reveal their patience, the fact that God has promised that the anti-Christ and Satan will be punished for what they do to the Saints of God, is another way that they show their patience.

God is also letting us know that as the anti-Christ does these things to the saints, so too does it happen to it. This verse is therefore another identifier of the anti-Christ. It takes into captivity and kills those that it is at war with, (the saints), and then is taken into captivity itself, and killed or at least mortally wounded, but the

wound heals, which is to say that though the anti-Christ is given a killing wound, the wound does not kill, and in fact heals. Which is God's way of informing us, that though the power to make war against the saints of God is taken from the anti-Christ, (The Church or Rome), by Napoleon, it has a resurgence, and its power will be returned to it as is evidenced by Mussolini returning the status of a sovereign nation to the Vatican just prior to the beginning of World War II.

## The Seven Churches of Asia Minor

In the previous lesson, I revealed this comment from Dr. E.T. Hiscox:

"Of course I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history as a religious day as we learn from the Christian Fathers and other sources."

In response to this I wrote: "Dr. Hiscox points to the fact that some of the Church Fathers began to observe Sunday instead of Saturday, but what he seems to not understand, that though he may consider these people to be Church Fathers, as soon as they stopped worshiping God as God commands, they stopped being of God, and the worship that they engaged in was not the worship of God. They were the Fathers of the Church of Rome the anti-Christ, but not of the Church of Christ."

The following verses give Jesus' opinion of those of the early Christians who strayed from the worship of God as taught to us by Jesus. I offer these verses so that you will see that it is not my opinion that these early church leaders were influenced by Satan and slid away from the true faith into that of the anti-Christ.

## John's Testimony of Truth

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: who bare record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. **Revelation 1:1-2***

In these two verses, the Apostle John is certifying that the visions about to be shown to you and I from the pages of the Book of Revelation are true, and from Jesus Christ. That as one who had been intimate with Jesus while he walked upon the Earth, John attests to the truth that it is indeed Jesus from whom he receives these visions.

## Blessed is he

*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. **Revelation 1:3***

There have been many people, who I am personally aware of, who have read the Book of Revelation, but few if any actually gave any true effort in attempting to gain understanding of what is said. They have instead, seen only the lies and misinterpretations from others, without questioning and seeking understanding for themselves.

I have to admit, this was true of me as well, until in May of 2009 God touched me and gave me understanding which I did not have before being touched.

## Letters of Warning

*John to the seven 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 spirits which are before his throne; 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, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. **Revelation 1:4-6***

In short the above verses establishes that which the Apostle John is about to write down in the Book of Revelation is of God, and what he writes, God-Jesus gave him to write.

In this verse John is verifying that what he is about to write was given to him by Jesus. He can verify this because as an apostle of Jesus, John walked with Jesus, spoke to him face to face, and took his meals with Jesus. In this he knew Jesus personally and intimately, and is therefore qualified to attest to the fact that it is indeed Jesus who is giving these words to us, and thereby verifying that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man.

Because Jesus died on the cross, he gave us in our faith in the Teachings of Jesus and our keeping of the Commandments of God, the equivalent stations as kings and priests before God. We are Kings because in God we are the Sons of God, and he being King of the Universe, then we are Kings of those dominions that God assigns to us. My Kingdom is in the honor of continuing the work begun by Jesus, and preaching God's True Word to all who will hear me.

God tells us that he is Everlasting to Everlasting, which is another way of saying, "**He that is, and he which was, and he which will come.**"

## No Doubt When Jesus Arrives

*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. **Revelation 1:7***

**Remember this verse:** for within its words Jesus is informing us how to know for certain that it is he who comes, when he does return. In this verse you will know if he who says he is the Christ, is in fact the true Christ or an imposter.

If someone tells you, I am the Christ, you will know him to be Jesus if you see him, "**cometh with clouds,**" which is to say, that long before he speaks to you, you will see him in the sky above you, in the clouds. If the one, who tells you he is the Christ, was not first seen by you coming down from the clouds, then he is a liar, a False Jesus and whatever he tells you are lies.

When he, Jesus is in the clouds, "**every eye shall see him,**" this means that all over the entire Earth and at the same instant, the entire population of the Earth will see Jesus in the clouds. In this there will be no doubt as to whether that which they see is Jesus.

The following words, "**and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him,**" all who are not Saints of God will cry and be distressed, because they are those who killed Jesus, which are those who do not worship God as he commands. They will know upon his return that their time is up, that Satan's power to influence men is over, and that they have only one Judgment available to them, eternal death.

Even though you were not alive at the crucifixion of Jesus, and therefore did not take part in his death, if you do not worship God as he commands, then you are as guilty of his crucifixion as are those who actually carried it out.

## The Alpha and Omega

*I am Alpha and omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. **Revelation 1:8***

In this verse John is verifying that what he is about to write was given to him by Jesus. He can verify this because as an apostle of Jesus, John walked with him, spoke to him face to face, and took his meals with Jesus. In this he knew Jesus personally and intimately, and is therefore qualified to attest to the fact that it is indeed Jesus who is giving these words to us, and thereby verifying that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man.

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This verse again reiterates that he who is giving these words to the Apostle John is in fact Jesus, and he Jesus is God in the flesh of a man.

**Take Note:** The words, "he which is, and which was, and which is to come," as how they related as the opposite of how the description of the Scarlet Colored Beast is given; the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. **Rev. 17:8**

## Patmos Island Prison

*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.*

### **Revelation 1:9**

Here John is giving us an understanding of his situation when he receives these visions from Jesus. What he is saying is that he is a prisoner and in a place of confinement, for the crime of preaching the word of God, and for repeating the testimony of Jesus, as being the word of God. One aspect of the testimony of Jesus is that Jesus a man of flesh and blood is the God of Creation, in the flesh of a man. It is for preaching this and other aspects of God's True Word, as taught by Jesus, that the Apostle John is confined on the island of Patmos.

## The Lord's Day

*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, **Revelation***

**“I was in the Spirit,”** is a reference to the fact that he John was one with God, or as the Apostle Paul put it, he was in the Spirit of the Lord. This also means that John being in the spirit and it is being the Sabbath, (the Lord’s Day) he was in prayer and in communion with God.

**“On the Lord’s day,”** John is referencing the Seventh Day Sabbath, not the day that the Romans and later the Church of Rome called the Lord’s Day. For the Romans the first day of the week, (Sunday) was the day that the tax collectors would turn over to Cesar (The Lord), all the money they collect during the previous week, which is why they called it the Lord’s Day. The reason that John and the Saints of God refer to the Seventh Day of the Week as The Lord’s Day, is twofold. God hallowed the Seventh Day, and Jesus observed the Seventh Day as the Sabbath, God’s Holy Day.

**“Heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,”** refers to what John perceives to be the voice of God when God-Jesus speaks to him.

## Symbolic Meaning of the Churches

*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 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.”* **Revelation 1:11**

One thing I want to point out here is that this is the Book of Revelation, and as such everything given is symbolic of something else. Therefore, when Jesus speaks of the **“Seven Churches,”** it is a reference to those churches that existed in the time of the Apostle John, (circa 50 AD to 70 AD), but it is also a message for those churches that call themselves Christian in all the time since the time of John. If a church or religion calls itself a Christian religion, then what Jesus is speaking of on these pages, is directed at them, and not just those churches from the time of John.

## Seven Candlesticks

*And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;*

**Revelation 1:12**

In order to understand the purpose of the candlesticks, you should read Exodus Chapter 25, and its discussion on the construction of the Tabernacle on Earth. In the above verse, the Seven Candlesticks represent the Seven Churches of Asia and how they are lights of God’s True Word, and there by representative of the Seven Spirits of God, in an otherwise dark world of Pagan false gospel.

A candlestick represents a light in the dark. The two candlesticks of the Tabernacle are symbolic of the two witnesses of God. These two witnesses are the Word of God, and those who believe that the Word of God is supreme, and that the Word of God is truth. When the light of God's True Word, is lit, and repeated by the testimony of the Saints, then the Word of God becomes manifest in the hearts of those who hear and accept.

*And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.*

**Exodus 25:35**

## The Son of Man

*And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.* **Revelation 1:13-15**

When Jesus walked the Earth, he embodied both of the two witnesses in his person. With the end of his ministry on Earth, the Apostles and the Books of the Prophets carried on in his stead, and still do today.

Jesus is being portrayed as standing in the midst of the seven candlesticks to press home to us that these Seven Churches of Asia are founded upon the Teachings of Jesus, and are therefore representative of the Church of Christ.

It is customary to consider that the eyes of a Man are a window into his soul. When you look into the eyes of Jesus you see his soul which is the manifestation of God's Holy Gospel. Jesus' eyes are depicted as a flame of fire, because God's True Word is a fire, consuming all lies and falsehoods that stand before it.

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## Seven Stars, (Angels)

*And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.* **Revelation 1:16**

**And he had in his right hand seven stars:** Once again the Seven Stars are symbolic of the Seven Churches, as they are in turn symbolic of God's Seven Spirits.

**Out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword:** The Word of God is as a two edged sword, which will cut to the quick the lies of Satan. The sword coming from the mouth of Jesus is representative of the Words Spoken by Jesus, and that those words being truth destroy Satan's Lies. To know God's True Word is to see Satan's Lies for the lie that they are. If you know something to be a lie, then you cannot be deceived by it. This is given support by the following verse.

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* **Hebrews 4:12**

## The Keys to Hell and Death

*And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."* **Revelation 1:17-18**

**The first and the last:** God is everlasting to everlasting, he is more than eternal in that eternity is an invention of God. God is life, but for God there would be no life. God took inanimate elements from the universe and gave them life. We are made up of elements, and we have life, because God gave us life. Without God we would have no life, and the elements that we are made from would return to inanimate objects again.

**I am he that liveth, and was dead:** Jesus is he who having died on the cross is raised from the dead and is now alive. Jesus is the first of the Sons of God to be resurrected from the dead into Eternal Life. Jesus is proof in the flesh that God's promise of resurrection is true and certain. Embrace and live by the Teachings of Jesus then you too will know resurrection into eternal life. Falter in your faith and obedience to the Commandments of God and you will only know eternal death.

**I am alive for evermore:** In his resurrection, Jesus will never know death again. His resurrection was to Eternal Life.

**And have the keys of hell and of death.** Through our belief that Jesus is resurrected into eternal life, and in our embracing of the Teachings of Jesus, and living our lives as those teachings instruct, we too will be

resurrected into eternal life. In this we are justified that God's Promise of Eternal Life is real. Our failure in keeping God's Commandments will result in eternal death.

Know too, that the word "Hell" as used here has the same meaning as "Death" as used here. Understand that God is everlasting to everlasting, therefore, death is the absolute end from which there is no return. For God, death is equivalent to being in Hell.

## Shall be Hereafter

*Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter*

### **Revelation 1:19**

Jesus is informing John that the visions that he is about to see, are that which are during his time, and also things of times yet to come. This means that John is not just receiving visions of future events but that they apply to his current times as well. This backs up my earlier comments that the things being talked about concerning the seven churches are of John's present as well as his future, or our present, which is to say that the Seven Churches as spoken of here in the Book of Revelation are symbolic of all Christian Churches throughout the generations of Man since Jesus walk amongst us.

## Mystery of the Seven Stars

*The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks.*

*The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. **Revelation 1:20***

"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches," refers to the faith in the God of Creation. The Seven Stars are representative of the Seven Angels of the Churches. The Angels are representative of the Truth on which the churches are founded, and that truth is found in the Teachings of Jesus Christ. Whenever there is a congregation of the Saints of God, so too is God there in the persons of angels that he sends to watch over the congregation. It is to these angels that Jesus speaks of.

"The seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches," represents the congregations of those churches, or the people that make up those who worship God. As such, Jesus is showing us that it is those of the true faith and worship of God to which he is speaking, and that these are therefore timeless from generation to generation, and not exclusive to the time of John.

**His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.** The image of Jesus shines bright, for he is the light of the truth of the Word of God, and the shining hope of God's salvation.

## The Church of Ephesus

From this point forward, Jesus gives complaint of several of the churches of Asia Minor. What I will do, is show excerpts from the following verses that have meaning as to the correct and true worship of God, and how even these early churches of Christ were not steadfast in their adherence to the true and correct worship of God as taught by Jesus Christ, which is why Jesus gives these admonishments to them.

### Acknowledging the Good

*Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; "These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou cant not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. **Revelation 2:1-3***

### God Knows Thy Works

**I know thy works:** The word "**Works**" as it is used in these verses means to: Live your life in the morality of God as taught by Jesus, and give worship to the Almighty God as he God has commanded in the first four of the Ten Commandments.

What Jesus is saying in these words is that Jesus knows if the Church of Ephesus is being true to the Teachings of Jesus and the Ten Commandments or not.

**And thy labour, and thy patience:** I interpret the word "**Labour**" to have the same overall meaning as "**Works**" as I have given above." The word "**Patience**" is defined as: the ability to endure waiting, delay, or provocation without becoming annoyed or upset or to persevere calmly when faced with difficulties.

In that those who are the Saints of God know that the End of Days will bring an end to evil and violence on the Earth, they even so wait patiently for the time to come, though they would prefer that it come soon.

**And how thou canst not bear them which are evil:** God defines “**Evil**” as **anything or anyone that is in opposition or disobedience to God**. If you keep the first day of the week (Sunday) as the Sabbath, then you are “**Evil**” because you are being disobedient to the Word of God.

As a Saint of God myself, I know this to be true. I am frustrated and sad that even after I show people in the Holy Scripture where God commands that the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord, most reject the Word of God and continue observing the first day as the Sabbath, even though they now know that that day is Satan’s Lie. I do not let my frustration get the better of me however; I exercise patience, knowing that Satan’s End is coming, as well as the fact that Vengeance is the Lords, not mine.

## **Trials of Faith**

**And thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not:** This Church of Ephesus must be zealous in upholding the Teachings of Jesus, for they have **held trials** of those **who profess to be Apostles but proved not to be**.

I have a problem with those of the leaders of a congregation putting people on trial to validate the truth of worship of those in the congregation. If you doubt someone as being true to the faith, do not confront them with legalities, instruct them in the truth. Open debate is the way of finding those who are in error, and through reviewing the Holy Scriptures and taking the path to faith as is laid out by the Word of God, is the way to Righteousness. Who is to say that it is you and the Church that have it wrong, and this person you chose to put on trial is sent by God to show you the Truth.

To put someone on trial, just because you disagree with their views is to be a dictator. God wants that we come to him willingly and through righteousness. To put people on trial, produces just the opposite effect.

If they still fall short, then eject them from the congregation. This act of putting people on trial is a forerunner of the Trials of Inquisition that the anti-Christ in its persona as the Church of Rome will engage in during the 1260 years of the Dark Ages.

Today, most Christians believe they give true worship to God, but I know they are deceived. I do not remove myself from them, instead I instruct them in the Word of God as it is given in the Books of the Bible. If they still reject the truth, I do not give up. They would have to turn their back on me, for I will never give up hope of turning them to the true worship of God.

## True Worship

An “**Apostle**” is defined as: A prominent Christian missionary, especially one who is responsible for first converting a people to the True Faith. This is the definition given by the Dictionary, and as such is slanted towards the leadership of some kind of an organized religion.

I personally define an “**Apostle**,” as anyone who embraces the Teachings of Jesus Christ and keeps those teachings, even when they do not attempt to persuade others of what they have been given by God. As such they do not need to be a leader of any Church or even of a Congregation. Just embracing the Teachings of Jesus Christ and the Ten Commandments makes you an Apostle of Jesus. In its essence the word “**Apostle**” mean follower or to follow. Therefore to be an Apostle of Jesus is to be a follower of Jesus. It is not the flesh and blood man that you follow, but all that Jesus taught. It is for that reason that to be a true follower of Jesus you need to educate yourself in all that Jesus taught. Once you have that knowledge, then you have the wisdom needed to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ.

## Found to be Liars

**And hast found them liars:** What Jesus is revealing is that the Church of Ephesus put people on trial and found them to be liars and thereby unworthy to be part of the congregation of that church. Even though when I first read these verses, I did not see where Jesus was giving any kind of a reprimand to the Church of Ephesus, now that I have taken the time to dissect the verses, I see how Jesus is indeed frustrated with this church.

The Bible gives us example of how to contend with those that profess to be Apostles of Jesus but are not.

## Apostles of Jesus Christ

*And John answered him, saying, “Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.”* **Mark 9:38**

What this verse is telling me is that there was a man who having heard Jesus Teach, took the teachings of Jesus to heart, and began to preach to others in the name of Christ. With this preaching he also accomplished miracles including the casting out of devils from tormented people.

In these actions, this man showed his faith in Jesus Christ and in his joy of finding the Son of God continued to preach that which he had learned from Jesus. This makes him an Apostle of Jesus Christ. Whatever his faith had been before, once he heard Jesus teach, he was converted to the true Faith.

## Forbid him not

*But Jesus said, "Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."*

**Mark 9:39-41**

In this example, Jesus reveals the true faith and those who are the true Apostles of that faith. If you having been shown the Teachings of Jesus Christ are moved to preach the Word of Jesus to others, then Jesus is informing his Apostles, that you are also an Apostle of Christ.

## Defining an Apostle of Christ

*And (Jesus) said unto them, "Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great." And John answered and said, "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us." And Jesus said unto them, "Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us." **Luke 9:48-50***

These above verses are the definition of who it is who is a follower of Jesus Christ.

When these Apostles forbade this person from expelling devils in the name of Jesus Christ, they were passing judgment upon him. They decided that he was unworthy to be an Apostle of Jesus, because he was not one of them. In this they made the same error of judgment that those of the Church of Ephesus.

## Having Patience with the foolish

**And hast borne, and hast patience:** The word "**Borne**," is defined as: **To tolerate, to stomach, to abide, to endure despite your misgivings.** The word "**Patience**" suggests that this church tolerated those who professed to be Apostles, but this does not go along with what the words, "**And Hast found them liars,**" is saying.

**And for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted:** This is telling me that they conducted this trial of people of their congregation in the name of Jesus, I assume suggesting that they thought that in doing so they were doing God's work. As it is latter revealed by the Church of Rome and its similar Trials of Inquisition, though they professed to be in the Name of God, it was in reality Satan's work that they engaged in.

It is this evil that I see Jesus as giving reprimand of to the Church of Ephesus. That I see the previous verses as being a reprimand and not congratulations is given support by the following two verses.

## A warning from God-Jesus

*Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.* **Revelation 2:4**

**I have somewhat against thee,** in these words Jesus is saying that he has a complaint against this church and its congregation.

**"Because thou hast left thy first love,"** this gives explanation of what Jesus' complaint is and that it refers to the fact that this church has left the true faith and worship of God, and has fallen into pagan practices. It has taken it upon itself to pass judgment on others and that it has lost the core of what Jesus preached, love others as you would have others love you.

The question has to be asked, "What is the first love that Jesus is referring to?" It is the Teachings of Jesus, which is the first love of all those who hear the Teachings of Jesus and agrees with and accepts those as having been the Word of God.

Therefore, what Jesus is saying is that the Church of Ephesus has lost its way from the Teachings of Jesus. If your church professes to be the Church of Christ but doesn't preach the Teachings of Christ, then your church is lying to you, and preaches blasphemy.

Evidently, the Church of Ephesus gave lip service to being a Church of Christ but spent its time holding trials of those who did not believe as the church elders preached. I don't know about you, but this sounds a lot like the Temple Elders of Jerusalem as well.

This is a reference to the Christian churches of today as well as those of the time of John, because they too do not uphold the laws of God, as can be revealed by all but a few that do not keep the Seventh Day Sabbath as it is spelled out in those laws. This complaint is further explained in the following verse.

## Remember from whence thou art fallen

*Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. **Revelation 2:5***

**Remember whence thou art fallen:** In the first verses above, Jesus spelled out what his complaint was with the Church of Ephesus was, in this verse Jesus is referring to this as having fallen. To fall from the Grace of God is to be in sin.

**“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen,”** is a reference to the teachings of Jesus, who as I have shown in other lessons, did teach the Ten Commandments.

**Remember Too:** that the Church of Christ is built upon the foundation of the faith of the Jews, and it is from this core and those teachings of Jesus that give fulfillment to the laws of God, that Jesus is warning those Seven Churches as well as all future churches to return to, which is the **First Works**, as taught by Jesus.

To be a Church of Christ, you have at your core the Laws of God, or the Ten Commandments. From that Core, you must adhere to the Teachings of Jesus, which are a fulfillment of the Laws and of the Prophets.

## Repent Your Sinful Ways

**And Repent:** Therefore, what Jesus is telling the Church of Ephesus is that they need to repent their sins and return to that which Jesus taught and away from the evil that they were engaged in.

**“And repent, and do the first work,”** is a reference to the reason the church was formed, the true faith and worship of God, and Jesus is warning them to repent, and return to the Ten Commandments, which are the foundation for the correct worship of God and to the teaching of Jesus, which give reference to and build upon the Ten Commandments.

## Do the First Works

**And do the First Works:** the first works are those of being Apostles of Christ, and preaching that which Jesus taught. If you teach the True Word of God it will not be necessary to put anyone on trial to judge their faith, because the truth is undeniable, whereas a lie can be proven false.

## Or Else

**Or else, I will come and remove thy candlestick:** The Candlestick is symbolic of the Church of Ephesus being a Church of Christ, if Jesus removes that candlestick, then he is removing the church from being a Church of Christ. If the church you attend is not a Church of Christ then to whom or what do you give your worship?

This also shows us that if this church, which is symbolic of all churches that call themselves Christian, does not repent its slide into paganism, then God will punish it and the congregation that makes it up.

## Nicolaitans

*But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.* **Revelation 2:6**

The Nicolaitans though claiming to be Christian were an anti-Christian Sect that preached engaging in litigation against others of the congregation through the civil courts rather than through arbitration between the members of the congregation.

They also preached that it was not a sin to eat things that had been offered in sacrifice to idols.

Nicolas who was the founder of the Nicolaitans preached Polygamy and Wives in common with other men. All of which are in opposition to the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus Christ.

Based upon what Jesus is saying in the above verse, the Church of Ephesus did not practice such blasphemies.

## Overcome thy sins

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."* **Revelation 2:7**

**He that hath an ear:** This phrase of words or others with similar meaning are used throughout the Bible. Essentially what they mean is to listen to that which is being said, take note of what is being said, and take the time and effort to gain understanding of what is being said. This is the difference from remaining ignorant or gaining wisdom. This you must do because it is important and that which is said will lead you to Righteousness. To ignore or not take the time to understand, will lead you to eternal death and damnation.

**Let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches:** Do not just read over these verses, assuming they relate to churches of 2000 years ago, that have long since faded away. The Book of Revelation is almost entirely written using Symbolisms. That is, it talks about one thing but that thing is symbolic of something else. The Seven Churches of Asia, are symbolic of those churches today that have accepted practices and customs and traditions that are outside the true Church of Christ, therefore, these warnings given by Jesus to the Apostle John are not just a warning to those churches, but to your church today as well.

**To him that overcometh:** In this verse Jesus is telling us that we must overcome our sins, as did Jacob, if we want to eat of the tree of life, which is to say that if they do not repent and amend their ways, they will be excluded from access to the tree of Life as was Adam and Eve when they sinned.

These Seven Churches were founded by one or more of the Apostles of Jesus or from those who gained their Faith from those Apostles. The Apostles of Jesus preached the words taught to them by Jesus, therefore the Churches were founded upon those truths.

When the congregations of those churches began to practice rituals and traditions outside of those teachings, they went from being Churches of Christ to churches of the “**commandments of men**.” One such false custom or tradition was in the observance of the Sabbath on the First Day of the week.

## Tree of Life

**I give to eat of the tree of life:** When Satan has been defeated and removed from the Earth, those of Man who have stood strong with God, those of the Saints of God, will once more have access to the tree of life, which means that they will live forever, no long being subject to death.

*And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. **Genesis 2:9***

The “**Tree of Life**” allows Man to live forever, which Adam and Eve had access to while in the Garden of Eden. The “**Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil**,” also was in the Garden but was forbidden to Adam and Eve. It is when they both ate from the “**Tree of Knowledge**,” that they sinned.

If you recall the tree of life was removed from Man when Adam and Eve sinned and were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

## Knowing Good and Evil

*And the Lord God said, "Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. **Genesis 3:22-23***

I assume that God is speaking to the Angels and other Heavenly beings, in these verses, which also live forever. Because Man now, because of his sin, is equal to the Angels in knowledge of Good and Evil, God does not feel that they are worthy to also have eternal life, and therefore removes them from access to the Tree of Life.

**In the midst of the paradise of God:** These words reveal the location of the Tree of Life. It is in the "Midst of the Paradise of God." The question I ask is, "Where is this paradise today if the Garden of Eden is no longer?" In my opinion and based upon what God has shown me since 2009, I have to believe that "God's Paradise" is not a physical place on the Earth nor even in Heaven, God's Paradise is in our hearts when we educated ourselves in the Word of God and then embrace and keep the Commandments and Ways of the Lord our God. In Righteousness you will find the Paradise of God, and in that paradise you will find eternal life.

## Wisdom

*She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is everyone that retaineth her. **Proverbs 3:18***

To give support to this idea and believe God tells us the following.

To understand what God is saying in this verse you need to understand who the "**She**" is that God is referring to. The identity of the "**She**" is explained in this following verses.

## The "She"

*Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. **Proverbs 3:13-15***

As you can see, the "**She**" being spoken of is "**Wisdom**" and wisdom is accomplished through knowledge, and knowledge is acquired through education. What this is then telling me is that the "**Tree of Life**," can be found in educating yourself in the Ways and Law of God and through that education

“**Knowledge**” of who God is and what he demands of you and me, and with that knowledge we obtain “**Wisdom**” to know God and achieve his **Righteousness**. Once you achieve God’s Righteousness, then you will also be “One with God,” and in this God will give you access once more to the “**Tree of Life**.”

## God’s Reward

*My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my Commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. **Proverbs 3:1-2***

First God tell us what he requires of you and me.

**Forget not my law:** In order to benefit from God’s Mercy’s and to receive God’s Reward, God requires that you must **not forget my law**. This in turn implies that God requires that we keep and obey God’s Law.

**But let thine heart keep my Commandments:** If you had any doubts from my comments above, these words directly from the mouth of God should convince you that my understanding of the meaning is correct.

**For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee:** And so, God reveals to us, the gift that he has to offer those who are the Saints of God.

## First Day Sunday Practice

We are discussing who to overcome our sins. One such sin is the Sunday Sabbath, as it is Satan’s Lie, and in direct opposition to the Word and Commandment of God as it is given in the Fourth Commandment.

*Keep the Sabbath Day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath Commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour and do all thy work: **But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God:** in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. **Deuteronomy 5:12-14***

These above verses are the Word of God as given to God’s Prophet, Moses, and as written down by Moses and published, so that you and I and all through history since have been able to read and know that which God Commands of us.

**Take Note:** “But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord they God.” That which we currently call Sunday is the first day of the week, that which we call Saturday is the Seventh Day of the week, therefore, it is Saturday that is the Sabbath Day of the Lord your God. To observe the Sabbath on any other day of the week is to show your disrespect and opposition to the Word of God.

## Why then Sunday?

In the time of the Roman Empire, the first day of the week was the day that all needed to pay their taxes to Rome. Therefore, the people had to take the time to go before the tax collectors to do this. If they were in business or some other sort of activity, that business or activity would have to be closed because they could not be there to operate it. This meant that they would lose income from not being able to take payment for whatever product or service that they sold. When Satan began to tell his lie concerning the First Day Sabbath, people embraced it because it then required only one day off a week, Sunday, to pay their taxes and to give worship to the Almighty God. The problem with this was that they were putting Rome before God, which of course is a sin all by its self.

## Commerce over God

In order to keep the observance of the Sabbath, on the Seventh Day, it is also required that they close down their business activities as well, because there is to be no buying or selling during the hours of the Holy Seventh Day. This resulted in two days a week in lost income.

For this reason, it became popular to observe the Sabbath on the same day that they had to pay their taxes to Caesar and this custom or tradition grew until it was ordered and commanded by The Church of Rome as the only legal day of worship.

Priest Thomas Enright

President of Redemption College:

**By my divine power, (as Pope), I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week.**

As you can see, it was not God-Jesus who caused the observation of the Sabbath to be on the first day of the week, but the Pope's of the Roman Catholic Church. And over the centuries, those same Pope's declare that they have "Divine Power," which is to say that the Pope's of the Church of Rome placed themselves above the

authority of God and in fact are declaring themselves to be God by calling themselves Devine. Do you believe that any of the Pope's of the Church of Rome was or have ever been God? If you do, then you are a good Catholic, if you don't then why do you observe the first day Sabbath, when it is shown to you to have been established, not by God but by someone who claims to be God?

## Sabbath Defined

The very name "**Sabbath**" bears God's mark of authority. The Hebrew word for Sabbath is "**Shabbath**." "**Sha**" means eternal one. "**Ab**", the root word of Abba, means Father, **Bath or Beth** means house of or sign of. Combined as Sabbath they pack a powerful testimony, **Sign of the eternal Father**.

## Compromising the Worship of God

The problem with this is that they put Caesar before God, in that they continued to pay their taxes on the day required by Caesar, but compromised their worship of God by not observing the Sabbath on the Seventh Day as is spelled out in the Fourth Commandment and in the Seventh Day of Creation.

The Council of Laodicea

364 AD the Church of Rome passed a law.

(Canon XXIX) which decreed: "Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday, but shall work on that day; but the Lord's Day they shall especially honor, and as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ"

## Worship God as he Commands

**Remember:** either you give worship to God exactly as God commands or else you do not worship the God of Creation at all. With this practice of observing the Sabbath on the first day, the Christian Fathers and their Churches went from being the Churches of Christ to the Churches of Satan. It is this failure in staying true to the Teachings of Jesus and the Ten Commandments that Jesus is voicing complaint about in these the first chapters of the Book of Revelation.

## The Church of Smyrna

*And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; "These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou are rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan." **Revelation 2:8-9***

**"I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."** This is a reference to those churches which refer to themselves as being Christian, but do not keep the Ten Commandments and therefore give lip service to being of Christ, but in fact are the Church of Satan, not the Church of Christ.

What Jesus is telling us is that he knows who worships him and who does not. At the time of the Apostle John, those who were converts to the teachings of Christ, still referred to themselves as Jews, (the word Christian not having been coined yet), but if you replace the word Jew with Christian you will understand that it is to the Christian Churches of today that Jesus is giving warning and condemnation to and not just those of the Jews.

## But are the Synagogue of Satan

As I have already said, and this gives support to my words, there are two gospels in this world, and two churches each with its foundation on one of the gospels. There is the Holy Gospel of God, on which is founded the Church of Christ, and there is the false gospel of Satan, on which is founded the Church of Satan. Can you discern one from the other? To which gospel does your church belong?

The easiest way of knowing, is if your church preaches the Ten Commandments, all ten of them, or if your church preaches the First Day Sabbath, which is Satan's Lie. If your church observes the Sunday Sabbath, then it is the Church of Satan, it is as simple as that.

I have a suggestion for you. If your church does in fact observe the Sunday Sabbath, then take a copy of these words to church with you and you preach God's True Word to the congregation. One of two things will happen, either you will be applauded for your insight and the people will endeavor to change their error and convert to the true worship of God, or the people will hate you and revile you, and demand that you remove yourself from their church.

Either course of action results in the same thing, you have removed yourself from Satan's False Church. If in the course of this removal you encourage others to remove themselves as well, then the better for you, for God tells us, "**I Love those who Love Me.**"

## Love God above your own life

*Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. **Revelation 2:10***

**"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer:"** This is a prediction of the persecution of the Saints of God, which at the time of John, had not yet come to the fullness of its horrific repressions. The Temple Elders were amateurs in their persecution of the Saints of God, but the anti-Christ in the form of the Church of Rome turned it into a science.

**"Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison."** Jesus foresaw these persecutions and attempting to inform the Saints beforehand, therefore this is a foretelling of those persecutions during the persecutions by the Roman's as well as those that would occur by the Church of Rome.

**"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."** This is a reference to the rewards, including eternal life, which will be given to those who endure these sufferings, and yet remain steadfast in their faith and worship of God.

**Remember:** Jesus endured a horrific death, as those who love Jesus; we too may be called upon to endure pain and suffering unto death, as did our Lord. If while enduring these things we keep always in mind the promises that God-Jesus has made to us who remain steadfast in our faith, we will be able to endure.

**Remember:** they may take our body and our lives, but they can't take away from us our God unless we allow them to.

## The Educated and the Wise

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. **Revelation 2:11***

**“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”** Remember when I explained that this phrase or other words similar in meaning indicated that those who take the time to understand, through diligent study, will know and understand that which Jesus is talking about. If you after having read these words understands that the churches that do not keep the Commandments of God are not of God, and you then act on that knowledge by removing yourselves from those congregations, then you will put yourself in the company of God-Jesus and the hope of redemption.

**“He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”** If you overcome your false worship in those churches of Satan, and remove yourself from their false dogma, and ask God for forgiveness of your sins, and worship God as he commands, then you will upon resurrection not know the second death that those who do not worship God as he commands will receive, but will know Eternal Life as your rewards for your love of God, just as Jesus did. This is not my promise to you, but God’s promise to you. If you believe that the promises of God are true and that which God says shall be done, then you are of the faith, and those of the faith are justified in the expectation of Eternal Life.

## Church of Pergamos

*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; “These things saith he which hat the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works and where thou dwellest, ever 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 2:12-13**

## Satan’s Seat

The Seat of the anti-Christ is that which God calls, “Babylon the Great,” which if you recall I revealed as being the City of Rome, Italy, or the Vatican to be precise. This therefore suggests that Pergamos is not far from the City of Rome.

## Doctrine of Balaam

*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.* **Revelation 2:14**

**Balaam** was a Mesopotamian seer who, when called on to curse the Israelites, instead praised them after the Jews had been reproached by God through his donkey. You can read of him in the Book of Numbers Chapter 22.

**Balac or Balak** was the king of the Moabites at the time when the first Israelites crossed over the Jordan and into the lands of the Cannon. It was King Balak who was one of the first kings that attempted to push the Israelites back out of the land of Cannon.

## Doctrine of Nicolaitans

*So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it".* **Revelation 2:15-17**

The Nicolaitans were an anti-Christian Sect that preached engaging in litigation against others of the congregation through the civil courts rather than through arbitration between the members of the congregation.

They also preached that it was not a sin to eat things that had been offered in sacrifice to idols.

Nicolas who was the founder of the Nicolaitans preached Polygamy and Wives in common with other men. All of which are in opposition to the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus Christ.

As you can see, God offers love to those who show love and obedience to him, but offers reprimand and punishment to those who are ignorant of his commandments and therefore fail to keep the Law of God and give true and correct worship.

## Church of Thyatira

*And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; "These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that women Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrifice unto idols."* **Revelation 2:18-20**

## Jezebel

Jezebel was a Phoenician princess and wife of King Ahab, who lived in the 9<sup>th</sup> century BC. She seduced many of the men of Israel to commit fornication and adultery, by claiming to be a prophetess to God. In short she was a prostitute who professing to be a prophet of God enticed many to commit fornication and adultery.

When Jesus gives these warnings to the Seven Churches of Asia, it is during the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD, therefore it is not directly to the woman Jezebel that Jesus is giving complaint of but the practice of many of the Church of Thyatira to engage in extra-marital sex, which is in direct opposition to the Seventh Commandment.

## She repented Not

*And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. **Revelation 2:21***

Jezebel has symbolic meaning over that of being an individual. By preaching that she was a prophet of God, she became Satan and was able to pull many who otherwise might have embraced God's True Word, into adultery and other sins against God.

**Remember:** Satan is not an individual; Lucifer is an individual, Satan it is an Ideology that preaches against and puts itself in opposition to the Ways of God.

## God's Wrath on Jezebel

*Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*

### **Revelation 2:22-23**

If you are a student of history, you will know that no such punishment was dealt out to Jezebel nor to the Church in Thyatira. This is because these verses giving Jesus' displeasure with the Seven Churches is symbolic of all churches then and today that call themselves Christian, but do not hold true to the Teachings of Jesus Christ and the Ten Commandments upon which is the foundation of all that Jesus taught.

The "**Her**" that will be cast into a bed is the Churches professing to be followers of Christ. The punishment that Jesus is speaking of will be dealt out in the End of Days when Jesus returns to the Earth, and not just to the Seven Churches of Asia, but to all Churches and congregations that fail to uphold the Teachings of Jesus Christ and the Ten Commandments of God.

## Those that Overcome

*But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyaticra, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden, but that which ye have already hold fast till I come. **Revelation 2:24-25***

These above two verses give evidence that I am right when I say that these condemnations given by Jesus of the Seven Churches of Asia are in fact symbolic of all churches that call themselves Christian but fail to uphold the Teachings of Jesus and the Ten Commandments.

Whereas the first verses gave condemnation and a warning of discipline to the churches, these two verse give applause to those who are not deceived and polluted by Satan's false gospel.

## Overcome to the End

*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. **Revelation 2:26-29***

The words: "**Unto the End**," is not a reference to just one person or even a group of people that lived in the time when the Apostle John wrote this letter to the Seven Churches. It is a warning to all generations and churches who would give true and correct worship to God, which they must do to persevere to the End of Days.

Those that overcome are those who through diligent study of scripture, see Gods truth, and are therefore not deceived by Satan's lies and deceptions, and are therefore converted into the true and correct worship of God.

**Keepeth my works unto the end**, means to obey and keep the Laws of God, from the time you understand them until and forever, that you never turn from God's Law once it is understood by you.

**Remember:** a church is not a brick and mortar building, but are the people in congregation in the worship of God. This is also telling me that these verses are giving prophecy of some of what it will be like during the thousand year reign of Jesus on Earth.

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## Church of Sardis

*And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; "These thing saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. **Revelation 3:1-2***

## Steeped in Error

Evidently, the Church of Sardis was far removed from being a Church of Christ. This is made certain by the words: "and art dead," which suggests to me, that if this church and its congregation doesn't repent its evil ways, it will be removed by God, which shows through in these words, "**I have not found thy works perfect before God.**"

This holds true for many if not most of those churches of today that call themselves Christian, but are far from giving true and correct worship of God. Keeping the first day as the Lord's Day of Rest is the most obvious of those errors.

## Hold Fast to Christ

*Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*

### **Revelation 3:3**

Those people that make up the congregations and the churches established by the Apostles, did so from that which the Apostles taught them, and the Apostles learned from Jesus directly. Over time however, the Churches stopped keeping their services as Jesus taught but incorporated into their churches things that were not taught by Jesus, and are therefore blasphemies against God.

## They Shall Walk with me

*Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches. **Revelation 3:4-6***

In these verses, Jesus is showing the contrast between those who are the Saints of God and those who fall short. In this contrast, Jesus is giving vivid discussion of how those that fall short will be treated by him, and those who remain strong in the true faith and how they will be treated by God.

## Church in Philadelphia

*And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; “These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee and open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. **Revelation 3:7-8***

**I know thy works:** Is a reference to the fact that you can hide nothing from God, he knows if you are true to his worship or not. The word **“Works”** also refers to **the time and effort that you personally put into the diligent study of God’s Holy Word**. Just going to church and listening to someone preach the Holy Gospel to you is not enough, you must diligently study the scripture for yourself, you must educate yourself, and not take that which others tells you as truth, but know without a doubt from your own study and research that which is the Word of God and that which is Satan.

**“Behold, I have set before thee and open door,”** is a reference to the fact that the way to salvation is open to you, you need only to make the effort to stay true to the correct worship of God, as he God has commanded.

**“And no man can shut it,”** is a reference to the fact that the door is open to you, and as long as you remain true to your worship of God, no one on Earth nor Satan himself can keep you from going through the door and into Heaven. You are the master of your own fate, if you falter; it is because you do not remain diligent to your **“Works”**. Just as you are not saved from the diligent efforts of another person, neither can anyone else block your way through the door unless you allow them to do so.

**“For thou hast a little strength.”** By yourself you have but a little strength, which means that your knowledge of God’s True Word is weak, but when you place your life in the hands of Jesus, and keep him by your side, by obeying the Teachings of Jesus and the Ten Commandments, and because of your steadfast faith (belief in the Word of God) and your true worship of God, you have a strength that you would not otherwise have, but with Jesus giving you direction you will have his strength added to yours.

**Remember:** Jesus is the only way to the Father. Jesus as used here is a symbolism of the Teachings of Jesus and God’s Holy Gospel.

*Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

### **John 14:6**

**“And hast kept my word.”** The word of God is the Law of God, as are shown in the pages of the Books of the Prophets; they are abbreviated, or made easier to remember, in the Ten Commandments. All of the moral principles taught by Jesus are derived from one or more of the Ten Commandments.

**“And hast not denied my name.”** This then is another reference to the fact that you have kept the Ten Commandments, and that you accept that the Ten Commandments are the core and foundation of any true worship of God. You do not deny the name of God when you keep the Ten Commandments, just the opposite, you give glory to the name of God when you keep and obey all of the Ten Commandments.

**Remember:** how you have been showed that the name of God is not a name like, Tom or Harry, but is defined by the Ten Commandments, as being that which defines who and what God are?

## **A Synagogue of Satan**

*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***

**“Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan,”** is a reference to those churches that give lip service to Jesus, but are in truth churches that practice the False Gospel of Satan. You could rephrase this to the Church of the anti-Christ that we now know to be the Church of Rome, as well as those other churches that observe the Sunday Sabbath. The word synagogue is the Jewish word for church.

This then gives support to what I have been saying, there are two gospels in the world, Satan's False Gospel and God's Holy Gospel, and each gospel has its own church or following. Knowing which are the true Gospel of God, and therefore the true Church of God, requires an effort on your part to study diligently the Bible. Those who are lazy in their faith and lack diligence will know only death, whereas those who are diligent in their worship will have the grace of God.

**"Which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie,"** is a reference to those churches and the people who attend who call themselves Christian, or followers of Jesus, but whose heart is far from the teachings of Jesus and the keeping of God's Laws. The most obvious example is those Christian Churches that observe the first day Sabbath and not the seventh day Sabbath as the Fourth Commandment spells out.

**Note:** God uses the word Jew instead of Christian because the word Christian as of the time of John has not been coined yet. Because I see these verses as being a warning against the modern day Christian churches and not just those of the time of John, I interchange the two names.

**"Behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet,"** is a reference to the fact that you who worship God as he commands and keep his laws, and do not deny his name, will upon the Second Coming of Jesus, be set up above and made judge over those who scourged you because you were true to the worship of God.

**"And to know that I have loved thee,"** refers to the love that God will pour out to you, those who keep his laws, and worship God by his pleasure not by your own, as opposed to the wrath that he will pour out onto those who worship by their own pleasure and refused God's name as defined by the Ten Commandments.

## Kept from Temptation

*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. **Revelation 3:10***

**"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience."** God is patient with his children, and though we sin and live our lives in error, he in his patience will forgive those who seek him out and repent their sins, and ask God for his forgiveness, then upon repenting you begin the process of rebirth from one who is a sinner to one who writes the Commandments of God upon your heart, and lives the rest of your life in the pursuit of keeping God Commandments, and transforming yourself into one who makes the moral imperatives of God into your own moral imperatives. It is in this way that you show or manifest your love for God.

**“I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”** Evidently, there will come a time when the whole world will be tempted by Satan’s False Gospel, but if you are true to your worship of God, you will not be so tempted, in that God will hide you from it. Do not think of this as something that will happen as a prophecy, but an aspect of each of our own walk through life, and our own need to seek out God through diligent study and prayer.

In that you have overcome the lies of Satan, and have embraced the true worship of God, you have already been tried in the forge of Satan’s lies, and have come out the stronger for your trials. When you know through knowledge God’s Truth, then Satan’s Lies have no power over you, and therefore you are hidden from those lies.

## Your Crown of Salvation

*Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. **Revelation 3:11***

In this verse Jesus is warning you that once you have found God’s truth, you will be continuously subjected to Satan’s lies and his attempts to cause you to fall from your faith in God’s true word. If you remain steadfast in your faith, and do not succumb to those lies, or the pressures placed upon you by family and friends, but see them for the lies that they are, then you will retain the crown of eternal life that God is offering you, and not have it taken away by those who think themselves Christian or men of God, but preach Satan’s False Gospel.

## Those Who Overcome

*Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. **Revelation 3:12***

**“Him that overcometh,”** is a reference to those who once they are shown God’s truth, and see that the Ten Commandments are the foundation to the true worship of God, and then it is they who will have overcome Satan’s lies. Jacob is one who overcame his sins, which is why God renamed him Israel, and it is for this reason that when you overcome your sins, do not call yourself a Christian anymore, a name which has been polluted by Satan’s False Gospel, but call yourself an Israelite, which attests to your having overcome Satan’s Lies, and have come to accept God’s True Word.

**“Will I make a pillar in the temple of my God.”** In that the Ten Commandments are the foundation to the Church of God, you will be made a pillar in that church, a part of the structure that is the true church of God. The word **“Pillar”** is defined as: **a vertical column that is part of a building used for support or decoration, or the mainstay of an organization or society.** Jesus is telling you in the above, that as a convert to the true Church of Christ, you will be made a pillar or a mainstay of the foundation of that church and someone who others can look to for an example of faith.

**“And he shall go no more out,”** once you are such a part of the structure of the true church, you will never falter or back slide out of the church. God tells us, **“I will write my laws upon your heart,”** no more laws to be upheld, but a part of your personality and moral character.”

**“And I will write upon him the name of my God,”** is a reference to what God has said throughout the Bible, that in those days, or in the time of the end, God will write his laws, the Ten Commandments, upon the heart of those who worship him as he commands, the name of God being defined by the Ten Commandments, therefore it being the Ten Commandments that God will write upon your heart.

**“And the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem.”** If you recall throughout the Bible the city of Jerusalem is referred to as bearing the name of God, or that it is the name of God. This verse is then an explanation of that. Jerusalem bears the name of God because in it is housed the Ark of the Covenant, and within it, was kept the Tables of the Ten Commandments which are the name of God, in that the Ten Commandments give definition to who God is, his personality, honor, and moral character.

**“Which cometh down out of heaven from my God,”** which is another reference to the Ten Commandments, and that they come forth from God and are not the invention of men. This also applies to Jesus Christ, in that he too will descend down from heaven upon the Second Advent of Christ.

**“And I will write upon him my new name.”** This I interpret is Jesus informing us that he will have a new name at the time of his second coming or shortly thereafter. I suggest that this has to do with the fact that Satan, in calling the churches that preach the false gospel of Satan, Christian, have soiled the name Christian, therefore, Jesus will give himself and his church a new name. I have no real idea what this new name will be, but I suggest that Israelite, though an old name, is a possibility in that in all history it has not been ever referred to as a religion or even a sect of a religion. Only a few in the pages of the Bible ever were referred to as being an Israelite. In this I may be in error, there is another meaning that this verse may have.

**Remember the Ten Commandments:** can be broken down into two parts, the commandments that tell us how to worship God as he commands, and the six moral imperatives of God. What this verse might be referring to is the additional moral imperatives that Jesus gave us in his teachings that are over and above the six listed in the Ten Commandments. In so doing, the name of God has been changed, and therefore God will write the complete name of God upon our hearts. Instead of having six moral imperatives in defining who God is Jesus has given us additional 7 or 8 moral imperatives, which now give a more complete definition of who God is.

## He that hath an ear

*He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.* **Revelation 3:13**

**“He that hath an ear.”** As you may recall, I revealed earlier to you that this phrase and others similar to it refers to those who are wise, or have taken the time and effort involved with the diligent study and research of the Bible and its meaning. Therefore, Jesus is giving us warning here, that what he is telling these seven churches of Asia Minor is in fact more than directed at them but at those churches throughout history since the writing of the Book of Revelation, unto this very day. All churches that call themselves Christian, need to take notice and take warning concerning these things that Jesus is speaking of in the Book of Revelation and in particular his warnings to the seven churches.

**“Let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”** To be more specific, these verses are directed at those churches that call themselves Christian, but are far from that which Jesus teaches. Jesus teaches the Ten Commandments, most if not all of those churches that call themselves Christian, deny the Ten Commandments, even suggesting that the laws of God are obsolete and no longer a part of the true and correct worship of God, this of course is founded upon Satan’s Lies, and is therefore Blasphemy.

## The Church of Laodiceans

*And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; “These thing saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.”* **Revelation 3:14-15**

## Neither Hot or Cold

**“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot:”** There are many in the world today who do not have any interest in what God has to say in the Bible. They have no care about religion in general or the worship of any god. It is to these people that Jesus directs these next few verses.

**“I would thou wert cold or hot.”** In this God is saying he would prefer that you have an opinion and have placed yourself on one side or the other. That you will go through life in blissful ignorance will not save you from Hell’s Fire.

**Remember:** either you love God, by keeping his commandments, or you hate God by not keeping his commandments, to not care one way or the other places you on the hate side, as far as God is concerned. These same people, those who have no interest in religion, do not give worship to any god; therefore they do not give worship to the False God either, and are therefore free of the sin of having done so. Even though this is true and God in the above is showing that he understands this about you, just the same needs you to understand that if you do not give true and correct worship to God, then it is the same as giving your worship to the false god, Satan, and as such, God considers you as hating him just the same.

## I will spew thee out of my mouth

*So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.*

### **Revelation 3:16**

This verse then verifies that which I just said, those that worship no god, will receive the same judgment as those who worship by Satan’s false gospel.

## Riches of the Earth

*Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: **Revelation 3:17***

**“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing,”** once again refers to those who are neither Cold nor Hot. They are those who have wealth and the comforts of this world, so do not have any concern or interest for the life to come.

**“And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.”** Though you have plenty in this life, it is worthless in the next life. It is this that makes you destitute when you will be stood before God on Judgment Day. Only in the worship of God as he commands that he be worshiped, are you rich in both lives. Though you may work hard in this world to gain wealth and things of this world, you may think yourself rich, but without your loving God, you are poor and destitute, for you are without hope of salvation. What is life, if there is only death that awaits you?

## The Coin of Redemption

*I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see.* **Revelation 3:18**

**“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire.”** Repenting your sins, and asking God for his forgiveness, and living your life in the framework of the Ten Commandments, is how you **buy of God the gold of salvation.**

**“That thou mayest be rich,”** it is this effort or work, that is the currency that you need when you stand before God. All the wealth that you accumulate in this life is worthless in purchasing entrance into heaven, unless you first have God in your heart.

**Remember:** God created the universe and the Earth within it. What you take of the Earth and make yours is not truly yours for it belongs to God, he created it. Why then would you think that Earthly wealth has and value to God, when it already belongs to him.

Your worship of God and your obedience to the Law of God is that which is valuable to God. God created you to be you. There is no other like you. Of all the billions of humans to have lived before you, there was and is only one you. It is in this uniqueness that God finds valuable. But if you will not or do not show your respect and love for your creator, then God cannot abide to give you eternal life.

**“And white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.”** The white raiment is a reference to the righteousness of your worship and the way you live your life. The nakedness does not refer to the nakedness of your body, but the nakedness of your soul, your spirit, your worship of God. Think of it this way. Because of your arrogance, and you’re not having any need of the worship of a god, then when you stand before the God of Creation to be judged, you will know **shame of thy nakedness.** By then however, it will be too late to amend your evil ways.

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## Defining Evil

Those who do not or refuse to give true and correct worship to God are evil. You may be a moral individual, righteous in all your life, but if you do not give worship to the God of Creation, he who is your Creator, and then you are evil in the eyes of God.

If you think you are worshiping God, but are deceived by those churches that call themselves Christian, then when you stand before God on Judgment Day, you will be ashamed when it is shown to you that you never really worshiped God in truth, but in fact your worship was for the false gospel of Satan. Just as ignorance is no defense under the law of Man, it is no defense under the Law of God.

## God's Chastisement

*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. **Revelation 3:19***

God loves those who love him and it is by his efforts to show to you your error, that you may find his chastisement offensive, but it is in his chastisement of your error that you will understand his love and his truth. God would not be asking you to repent, if you're life and your worship of him was righteous, he rebukes you because you are in error, so as to show you your error, which you might learn from it, and know that you are in error and then repent that error, so as to be saved for the sake of your repenting.

Just as you chastise or discipline your own child when they are in error, and with that chastisement, they learn from you what is right and what is wrong, so too should you learn from God's chastisement of you, what God deems to be an error in your ways.

## God is knocking at your door

*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. **Revelation 3:20***

God will not force you to worship him as he commands, he stands at the door, and knocks, he is not there to break in the door (which is how the Church of Rome has in the past forced people to worship it), or how the Muslims force their faith on others, but to knock so as to inform you that he is without. It is your choice to

let him in your door or to keep him shut out. If you will *any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me,*” which is to say that if you repent your sins, then God will come to you and you will be a Son of God, just as Jesus is the Son of God, and he will be your Father, in this way you will become an inheritor of God’s gifts, just as a son inherits from his father on Earth.

## Inheritors of God’s Mercies

*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

### **Revelation 3:21-22**

**Remember!** This is Jesus speaking to us through the Apostle John. Jesus faced temptations from Satan, but he overcame them, just as Jacob overcame his sins and repented. If you can overcome those temptations of this world, and of Satan, then you will be taken to God, to be his son, as is Jesus.

Satan through his anti-Christ, has told lies, and from these lies, has given themselves to appear to be the true worship of God, but in fact is a counterfeit of that worship. Only by diligently seeking the truth in the Bible, can you know Satan’s lie for the lie that it is.

Having read this far in these lessons, can you now see this to be true, and that those churches that call themselves Christian, but promote blasphemies, of which the most obvious is the keeping of the first day Sabbath instead of the one day of the week that God made a holy day, and who tells us in his Commandments, to **Remember,** the Seventh Day Sabbath.

In these first verses from the Book of Revelation, God is warning you to remove yourself from these churches, the Daughters of the Harlot, and come to know God, personally and intimately, by diligently seeking God out.

## Dr. Hiscox’s Error

So you see Dr. Hiscox is in error in thinking that because the Early Christian Churches sometime strayed from the correct worship of God that it was alright with God. Jesus, in the above verses, has made it clear that he does not approve, and gives warning that if they do not repent their evil ways, he will destroy them.

## By God's Pleasure

Why did God create all that is? **“For thy pleasure they are and were created.”** God did not create the universe for Man's pleasure, but for God's pleasure. We exist, not for us but for the pleasure of God. That he as our creator, commands that we worship him by his pleasure is therefore correct, for he is worthy that he should require you and I to worship him as he commands. If you accept this as true, and conform your ways to giving worship to God as he commands, then you will be justified in the hope of salvation, anything less than this, and you will be destined only for damnation.