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Jacobs Trouble And The Tribulation Part 1

Today's study is going to become monumentally important to each and every single solitary Christian in the world today as time moves forward. With each passing day, we see more and more evidence of a time that is coming that is known as Jacob's trouble.

WHY SO MUCH SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS?

It never ceases to amaze me how the world can continue to reject the biblical narrative and the prophecies found within the Bible when all anyone has to do, is to pull their head out of the sand long enough to simply look around. And it never ceases to amaze me when I look around, and see how blinded to the truth people have truly become. This alone my friends is a testament to the power of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and to demonstrate what I mean by this, I'd like us to turn to Romans chapter 1 versus 18 through 32:

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Rom 1:19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Rom 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Rom 1:21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

Rom 1:25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their

women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

Rom 1:27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Rom 1:28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Rom 1:29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

Rom 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Rom 1:32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

I want us to notice that one of the first things that we see in verse 18 is that people who are unrighteous, will suppress the truth. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who... by their unrighteousness, suppress the truth.

Now, I want us to understand why these men are unrighteous. They are unrighteous because they have chosen to follow someone else other than the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. For some men, that someone else is themselves, and the desires of their fleshly hearts. For other men, they have decided to follow after other men. I cannot tell you, or even begin to describe, the faith that many men standing behind today's modern-day pulpits have in their so-called "early church fathers." They have an undying faith for the wisdom of men and their so-called "early church fathers." They could care less what the Scripture truly says, because they have invested themselves in their seminary schools, and their colleges, and their professors, and their doctors, and their denominational charters of men, all whom they have put above and beyond their very own God breathed Scriptures, that most of them carry around in their hands every single solitary day... bound in leather, some of them even have and gold linings.

And I don't want to get into all of this again because we have plenty of teachings where we have talked about this over, and over, and over again, but I will say this much... if you want to know what our Messiah thought about the pastors, and the priests, and the popish leaders of his time... go read Matthew chapter 23 from beginning to end, and you will then have a good understanding of what our Messiah thought of the pastors, priests, and popish leaders of his time.

In versus 19 and 20, I want us to understand that the blindness of man comes from man's own decision to be blind. Man has chosen by his own accord, not only to be blind... but to remain blind. It is written in verse 20 that the invisible attributes of God, and his eternal power, and his divine nature, can clearly be perceived in the things that he is made. Even Stephen Hawking

who is said to be one of the most brilliant astrophysicists of our time, and who openly rejected the existence of God came to the conclusion at the end of his life, that there had to be an intelligent designer. Everything that we see in creation depends upon the rest of creation in order to survive. All of creation is woven together to depend on the rest of creation for its sustenance.

In verse 21 we're told that although they knew God... they did not honor him as God, or give thanks to him, but that they became futile in their thinking, and foolish in their hearts, and this is why their hearts were darkened. In verse 22 we are clearly told and I quote, "claiming to be wise, they became fools."

I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment. All of the deception that has been built into the world clearly comes from fools. Not says I... but says our very God breathed Scriptures. "Claiming to be wise, they became, fools.

And I want us to look closely at verse 23. "And they exchanged the glory of the immortal God, for images resembling mortal man... Stop! What image of a mortal man is it, that Christians glorify today? Think about it. What image of a mortal man is it, that Christians immortalize and glorify today? Is it not the long-haired dainty, frail looking, lily white Frenchman, that today's modern-day version of Christianity calls their version of "Jesus"?

I want us to understand what is written about the, and I quote, "image of the beast". I want us to turn to Revelation chapter 13 versus 11 through 15:

Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

Rev 13:12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

Rev 13:13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people,

Rev 13:14 and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

Rev 13:15 And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

The first beast can be found in verses one through 10 of Revelation chapter 13. But I want us to pay attention to the second beast who according to verse 11... had two horns... like a lamb. Is the son of God, not also known as our Passover Lamb? This second beast who has two horns like a lamb, exercises all the authority of the first beast. And it makes everyone on the earth worship the first beast. This second beast is so powerful that it performs great signs and even

makes fire come down from heaven to the earth in front of people. And because it is so powerful, it deceives those who dwell on the earth by telling them to do what? It tells the people of the earth to make an image for the first beast. No one in the world with the first beast to be made for him? Could it be that they need some sort of image to identify with this beast?

So the people of the earth are going to make an image for the first beast. I want to stop right here for just a moment so that we can remember the second commandment. I want us to turn to Exodus chapter 20 verse four through six:

Exo 20:4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Exo 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

Exo 20:6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

So, we can clearly see here that it is written in the book of Exodus chapter 20 versus four through six, that God commands us not to make an image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above... or that is in the earth beneath... or that is in the water under the earth. Secondly... he tells us not to bow down to them or to serve them (let alone... worship them).

But what has today's modern-day version of Christianity done? Have we not made for ourselves carved images, and statues, and paintings, and images of a false Messiah? I would submit to you my friends that we have. I want us to turn to first Corinthians chapter 11 verses 14 and 15:

1Co 11:14 Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him,

1Co 11:15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

Now my friends I want us to understand that those Christians who believe that our Messiah had long hair, believe that he had long hair, because of a painting that has been put forth by the Roman Catholic Church. This painting of a long-haired, dainty, lily white, Frenchman... according to Scripture... is a disgrace. And not only is it a disgrace, it is utter blasphemy to even insinuate, that this picture is a picture of the only begotten son of God.

So, when we see that the people of Earth will be deceived into creating an image for this first beast (that they are already worshiping)... how far-fetched would it be for people to use the image that has already been created, that they are already worshiping?

This false image of a long-haired man-made “Jesus”, already represents a false man-made “Jesus”. It represents a false man-made “Jesus” who has done away with all of God’s laws. It represents a false man-made “Jesus” who has done away with all of God’s feast days and appointments. It represents a false man-made “Jesus” who has stolen, and replaced his Father’s seventh day Sabbath that his Father in Heaven said would be a sign between him and his people, and the perpetual agreement forever throughout all of our generations... and has replaced it with a false man-made first day of the week “Sunday Sabbath”.

This false image of a long-haired man-made “Jesus”, has deliberately hidden the anniversary of the death of the one true only begotten son of God on Passover day, with his own demonically inspired “Good Friday” and its pagan Easter Festival, complete with the bare breasted eggs of the fertility goddess “Ashteroth”. Her name was “Artemis” in Ephesus, but it was “Ashteroth in the Hebrew language, “Astarte” in the Phoenician language, “Ishtar in the Akkadian language, and “Easter” in the English language.

And there are many more abomination that this false image of today’s modern day Christianity has not only created, but perpetuated over the centuries in order to blind those who are all too willing to follow after the wisdom of men, and their so-called, “early church fathers” and their mother church of Catholicism.

Moving back to Romans chapter 1 verse 25... I want us to understand that it was because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie... and decided to worship the creature... rather than the creator... that God gave them up to dishonorable passions.

Now most people will equate these dishonorable passions with homosexuality... and although homosexuality was one of these dishonorable passions... it was not the only dishonorable passion that God has turned them over to. Let’s go back and reread Romans chapter 1 versus 28 through 32:

Rom 1:28 *And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.*

Rom 1:29 *They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,*

Rom 1:30 *slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,*

Rom 1:31 *foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.*

Rom 1:32 *Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.*

So, it should be clear to us that homosexuality was not the only dishonorable passions that God had turned these men over to. It was homosexuality, and all manner of unrighteousness, which

includes but is not limited to... covetousness, malice, envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness and all the rest. These are the dishonorable passions that God has turned them over to because... they did not see fit to acknowledge God. "Claiming to be wise, they became, fools." I want us to also turn to second Thessalonians chapter 2 versus nine through 12:

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

2Th 2:10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2Th 2:11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

2Th 2:12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

I want us to clearly understand that the coming of the lawless one, is indeed by the activity of Satan. And it will be through his deception that many will perish. Why? Because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

My friends I cannot convey to you how important it is that we as modern-day Christians not only cling to the truth... but stand for the truth, and fight for the truth, exactly the same way that our Messiah stood for the truth, and fought for the truth. Those who turn away from the truth will indeed be given a strong delusion. We are seeing this strong delusion in our time. There are people who have already made their choice. This once saved always saved, dispensational state of grace apart from God's law culture and society has already been condemned. These disgustingly apathetic modern day houses of slothfulness... have already been condemned. Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God, nor did they give thanks to him, but they have become futile in their thinking and their futile foolish hearts have been darkened. The Jesus that they worship is not the same Yeshua as the only begotten son of God. They have chosen to worship the creature rather than the creator.

I tell you the truth my friends, there are going to be many evil people that are going to be cast into the pit, but there are also going to be many professing Christians that are going to be cast into the pit. How do we know that? Because our God breathed Scriptures tell us that. Once again I would like us to revisit Matthew chapter 7 versus 21 through 23:

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

These are among the most frightening words ever penned within our Scripture. To think that we know who our Messiah is... and to think that we are following him... and to think that we have a ticket that has already been punched, that will gain us access into his coming kingdom... only to find out, that not only do we not know him... but that he doesn't know us... is more frightening than any seven headed beast, or any Locust with the head of a man, or men crying out for death that will not come to them. These words... should send up flares, and warning sirens, and the sounds of shofar's should be blasting through the bliss of ignorance that has overtaken God's people. But I daresay... that there are some who sit joyfully in their jail cells. The devil doesn't even have to shut and lock the jail cell door, because he knows that they're so comfortable sitting in their own sin. But I tell you the truth... the day is coming when that jail cell door is going to slam shut, and that door is going to be locked, and the free gift of salvation that our Messiah came to give to the whole world, will be taken off the table. And for many, it will be too late. They will have chosen to follow after the wisdom of men and the creature rather than the creator. Keep worshiping that painting of that long-haired frail looking lily white Frenchman and see what happens. I tell you the truth my friends, it will not be good for you or your children. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools.

WHO CHANGED THE TIMES AND THE LAW?

Now my friends, there are hours and hours and hours of sermons and teachings that we could get into about how man has suppress the truth of God. But to make a long story short, all one has to do, is to look to the counterfeit church of the devil himself, who is the richest church on the planet. The Roman Catholic Church has thought to change the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob just as was prophesied in the book of Daniel chapter 25.

Today we will not go into this particular study because there is just such an abundance of information out there, that no one who truly wants to know, can possibly be left in the dark. One of the places that you can go to get a good understanding of who the woman is that rides the beast, and why she's important, can be found in a book written by Dave Hunt. This particular book is entitled "*A Woman Rides the Beast*". And even though I can't say that I agree with every jot and every tittle that is found within the pages of this book... I can say, that you will find enough historical documentation between the covers of this book to clarify beyond a shadow of a doubt, who the woman is that rides this beast that we are told about in the 17th and 18th chapters of the book of Revelation.

The reformers all knew who the woman was that rides the beast. They all pointed directly to her Tyndale, Huss, Calvin and even Martin Luther pointed directly to the Roman Catholic Church and her supposed "vicar of Christ" (also known as the Pope) as being this antichrist who would proclaim himself to be the Messiah himself, and yet whose hands would be full of the blood of the martyrs of our Messiah. And there is a long drawn out history that the Roman Catholic

Church has... that cannot be denied. People may reject the historical truth... but they cannot deny this historical truth.

Peter DeRosa is a British writer who focuses on Catholic and Irish history. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1956, but he left the priesthood in 1970. After that he became a staff producer for the BBC and then became a full-time writer. And I want you to hear what he has to say about the history of Constantine and the Roman Catholic Church.

“The time is not far off (after Constantine) when Peter’s (alleged) successors will be not the servants, but the Masters of the world. They will dress in purple like Nero and call themselves Pontifex Maximus. They will refer to the fisherman as “the first Pope” and appeal not to the authority of law, but to the power invested in him to act as Nero acted.

In defiance of Jesus, Christians will do unto others what has been done unto them, and worse will they do. The religion that prided itself on triumphing over persecution by suffering, will become the most persecuting faith the world has ever seen...

They will order in Christ’s name all those who disagree with them to be tortured, and sometimes crucified over fire. They will make an alliance between throne and altar, they will insist that the throne is the guardian of the altar and the guarantor of faith.

Their idea will be before the throne (the state) to impose the Christian religion on all its subjects. It will not trouble them that Peter fought against such an alliance and died because of it.”

Peter DeRosa and his books, and the historical documentation found within them... and Dave Hunt, and his books, and the historical documentation found within them... leave no doubt who the woman who rides the beast is, in Revelation chapter 17 and 18. And this information, and these books, don’t even scratch the surface concerning the historical documentation that has been laid out before the world.

For those who do not know it... the Roman Catholic Church has murdered more true Bible believing Christians and Jews than Hitler ever dreamed of, and there is indeed a direct connection between the Roman Catholic Church and Hitler and what happened at the Holocaust that we will not get into here today for times sake... but just so that you know... the historical evidence of these things, is simply undeniable.

The Roman Catholic Church has been working feverishly to try and bring not only Christian evangelicals back under her umbrella... but to also bring other pagan religions back under her umbrella as well. The Roman Catholic Church does not care if you are an evangelical, or Islamic, or from the Hindu faith, or from Buddhism, or if you’re a Wiccan, or even if you’re a Jew... she wants all the religions of the world, under her umbrella, and under her power just like she had during the dark ages.

Now I don't know about you my friends, but the God that I serve clearly says that he is one God, and that there are no other gods before him. Today's Roman Catholic Jesuit pope, would do well to turn back to his Bible and get a better grip on the milk of God's word before leading the world astray and putting them back under the bondage of previous henchmen also known as Roman Catholic popery

THE GREAT TRIBULATION.

Moving forward, I'd like to talk about what is known in the Bible as "Jacob's trouble." Jacob was the third Hebrew that God made a covenant with. He was the son of Isaac and Rebecca, the grandson of Abraham and Sarah. He was the nephew of Ishmael, and the younger twin brother of Esau. Jacob literally wrestled with God and was renamed "Israel". The 12 sons of Jacob were the first Hebrews of the 12 tribes of Israel.

More than 2600 years ago, the prophet Jeremiah spoke of the word of Yahovah concerning Israel and the end time. We can find that in Jeremiah chapter 30 versus five through seven:

Jer 30:5 "Thus says the LORD: We have heard a cry of panic, of terror, and no peace.

Jer 30:6 Ask now, and see, can a man bear a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor? Why has every face turned pale?

Jer 30:7 Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.

The Hebrew word for "stomach" in verse six is the Hebrew word "Chalats", which means "loins". Which means that men were not holding their stomachs... but that they were holding their loins... which is a bit further south than your stomach. And it's important to understand this as we continue to unpack why these men were holding their loins.

Jacob, who was Israel, encountered great calamity when the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC. But they were saved out of captivity just as Jeremiah prophesied that they would be. But... as is often the case within biblical prophecy... God's words often times have a twofold meaning. There is often times a reality of duality if you will. In much the same way that Israel was taken captive and put into bondage under Babylon... so too, will Israel once again encounter great trouble in the last days.

We know this because what Jeremiah referred to as "that day" is actually a shadow of Yeshua's second coming. Paul used the same phrase more than 600 years later to describe when Yeshua would come. Let's turn to second Thessalonians chapter 1 verses 9 and 10:

2Th 1:9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the

presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

2Th 1:10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

The day of the Lord's return is both a single day, and a season surrounding that single day, and the Bible consistently describes it is a difficult time to be alive. In fact, that day is going to be so bad, that if we go back to Jeremiah chapter 30 verse seven... we see that this Tribulation is going to be worse than any other, and that there is going to be no other time like it. And this is why men are wetting their pants and won't be able to control their bladders. Daniel also spoke about this time in Daniel chapter 12 verse one:

Dan 12:1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

I want us to clearly understand that this time of trouble for Jacob (also known as Israel) is going to be so bad, that man has never seen the likes of it at any other time in history, nor will he ever see the likes of it again.

When we stop and think about the horrors of the Holocaust, and what it must of felt like for Jewish fathers and mothers to walk naked with their starving children into the firing lines or the gas chambers of Auschwitz. And yet this is nothing compared to the other atrocities and horrors perpetrated by men like Hitler or Genghis Khan, or Nero, who impaled Christians while they were still alive and then set them on fire to be used as Roman candles throughout the city... and yet none of this is going to be as horrifying as what is known as "Jacob's trouble" (also known as, "the great tribulation".)

And we know that these times are still yet to come because our Messiah quoted from the prophet Daniel in Matthew chapter 24 versus 21 through 22:

Mat 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

Mat 24:22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

The words of Yeshua, Daniel, and Jeremiah fit together like a hand in glove. Jeremiah called this the "time of Jacob's trouble", Daniel simply called it "a time of trouble", while Yeshua described it as "the great tribulation". Even though more than 600 years separated Yeshua from these Old Testament prophets, their descriptions of this time were almost identical. And when we compare these prophecies given by our Messiah and the prophets, we find a perfect harmony between the Hebrew prophets of the Tanakh in the Old Testament, and the writers of the Brit

Hadasha, in the New Testament.

Next week as we venture into part two of Jacob's trouble and the tribulation, we'll look at the days of Noah and the days of Lot. And we'll also take a look at what our Scripture says about the length of the great tribulation. Is the great tribulation really 7 ½ years as so many modern-day pastors, priests, and bishops tell us that it is? I would submit to you, that our God breathed Scriptures have something much different to tell us if we will only listen.

This, along with when the tribulation will begin according to the word of God, and many other things that pertain to Jacob's trouble and the tribulation will be unpacked, and brought into the light of day, next seventh day Sabbath at 9 AM Eastern standard time.

We invite you to be with us through this most important biblical study, because we do indeed believe that the time is at hand, the sand is leaving the hourglass, and we are closer now, than when we first believed. `