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Jacobs Trouble and the Tribulation Part 2

The Great Tribulation:

Last week as we ventured into the first part of Jacobs Trouble and the Tribulation, we spoke about why there is so much spiritual blindness in the world today. We touched on who it was that changed the times and the law of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and why Christianity is so dumbfounded and lost concerning who their true Messiah is, and what he came to preach. And we're going to come full circle back to who it was that changed the times and the law of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob in the very near future, but just so that we can get into the meat of our chosen topic... I want us to concentrate on exactly what Jacobs trouble and the Tribulation really is, and what it's about.

In our first session we spoke about Jeremiah chapter 30 versus five through seven, where we're told that God saw every man with his hands holding his loins. We're also told in these verses that what was going to come upon them so great and terrible, that there would be no other day like it.

We also spoke about the red-letter words of our Messiah who said in Matthew chapter 24 verse 21, that there would be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, now, and never will be. 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.

And we also know that our Messiah always preached and taught his Father's Torah. Our Messiah did not come to make up his own laws, or to make up his own feast days, or to celebrate his own birthday, or to create a new Sabbath, or to set up new precepts and appointments. Our Messiah was very clear about why he came. Our Messiah tells us very clearly in John chapter 14 verse 28, that his Father is greater than he is. In John chapter 5 verse 19 our Messiah tells us that he can do nothing on his own accord, but only what he sees his Father doing. And he tells us that whatever his Father does... that the son does likewise. Our Messiah tells us in his own red-letter words in the book of John chapter 12 verse 49, he says and I quote, "*for I have not spoken on my own authority, but the father who sent me has himself given me a commandment of what to say and what to speak.*"

And I make mention of all of this so that we can understand that when we hear our Messiah telling us that there's going to be a great tribulation such as has not been from the beginning of

the world until now... he wasn't just pulling this out of thin air. He was once again quoting from his Father's Torah, and the Scriptures that can be found 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.”*

And it's important for today's modern-day professing Christian to understand this basic principle. Our Messiah did not come to change the times and the laws of his Father. The beast who comes to fight against his Father, is the one that changes the times and the laws of his Father. And we can find that in the book of Daniel chapter 7 verse 25:

Dan 7:25 *He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*

And so, it should be clear to every Christian that our Messiah did not think to change the times and the laws of his Father. Changing the times and the laws of his Father is appointed to the little horn of the book of Daniel, and the antichrist himself. And we as Christians need to be able to decipher between the two. Today's modern-day professing Christian has made their modern-day version of Jesus out to be the antichrist... instead of the only begotten Son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And this is exactly why our Messiah tells us in his own red-letter words in Matthew chapter 24 verse 24, that false Christ's and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, as to lead astray, if possible... even the very elect.

And I tell you the truth my friends, many of the very elect have indeed fallen because of the evil net of deception that the devil has cast upon them through the workings of his false church. Even the protestant churches of today follow after their mother churches feast days, and holidays, and sabbaths, and tomfoolery that has nothing to do with what is written within the pages of our God breathed Scriptures.

And this is exactly why these end time events are so important for today's modern-day Christian to understand. The more you understand about these end time events, and what our Messiah prophesied, which is exactly what the prophets before him and his father's Torah and Tanakh has already prophesied... the better we will be able to understand the truth about our Messiah and who he was, and what he came for. It's important to understand that our Messiah never refutes his Father's Torah. He never tramples upon what we know today as "The Old Testament".

And so, I want us to completely understand why it is that we are going through the topic of Jacobs trouble and the tribulation. We're doing this, so that we can shake our brothers and sisters loose of the deceptions, and the evil snares of the devil himself who has placed land

mines all throughout today's modern-day version of Christianity. Our brothers and sisters are walking through these landmines of deception without knowing it and they are being utterly destroyed for lack of wisdom. And this has got to stop. Even though we know that it will not stop for everyone, it will stop for some... and it will stop because he has sent us to stop it.

Now before we really get rolling here, I want us to understand that our Messiah tells us very clearly in Matthew chapter 24 versus 37 through 39 that the days of the coming of the Son of Man will be like the days of Noah. He tells us that before the great flood came they were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the Ark and shut the door. They were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away.

But our Messiah also gives us another hint as to not only when he will come... but why, he will come in Luke chapter 17 versus 28 through 30:

Luk 17:28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,

Luk 17:29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—

Luk 17:30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Our Messiah used the analogy of Noah to describe to us how he was going to come. The analogy of Noah was to let us know that he would indeed come to the world like a thief in the night. Now he does not say that he's going to come to us like a thief in the night. First Thessalonians chapter 5 verse four tells us, that we are not in darkness for that day to surprise us like a thief, because we are children of the light and children of the day, and we are not children of the night or of the darkness. So, our Messiah was using the analogy of Noah and what happened in his day to describe how surprised that the world was going to be when he arrived. He will indeed come like a thief in the night to the world... but not to us.

But... what we see here in our Messiah's red-letter words found in the book of Luke, give us even more insight to not only how our Messiah is going to come, but why he is going to come in that way. We must remember why it was that our Father in heaven rained down fire and sulfur on to Sodom. What was the abomination that we're told about in Genesis chapter 19 that the city of Sodom was engaged in? It was homosexuality. This is an abomination that brings desolation.

We need to understand that homosexuality is not just a sin according to our God breathed Scriptures and our Father in heaven. Homosexuality is above normal sin according to our God breathed Scriptures and our Father in heaven. Homosexuality is not just sin... it is an abomination to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And it does indeed bring with it, desolation. And the world is going to soon find that out.

And I would submit to you my friends that this abomination... that brings desolation, is already

at work in the world right now in our time. The United States of America is the largest Christian nation on the face of the planet. And in the largest Christian nation on the face of the planet, the United States Supreme Court has willfully shaken its fist in the face of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, by desecrating the commandment of God and the metaphor of marriage that he uses to describe himself and the house of Israel... and by overwriting his laws, to proclaim that marriage is no longer between one man and one woman, but is now defined as a union between one man and one man, or one woman and one woman is indeed an abomination to God that brings desolation. Homosexuality is against the law of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob... but man's law seeks to overthrow the law of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and says that homosexuality, which is an abomination to God, is now the law of the land.

There are many abominations that lead to desolation. And this is just one abomination that we can see that is already taking place in our time today. Why do we think that we are told the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in the book of Genesis? Do we think that it's there for no reason? Do we think that it's insignificant, that these early cities were destroyed because of the abomination of Homosexuality? God makes not only a point... but an example out of the cities for the world to see, for a reason. And this particular abomination is sweeping the face of the earth in rapid succession. If you think that we are not closer to the end of days than when we first believed... you need to think again.

We have many men and women of God who have this abomination well entrenched within their own families. We have pastors, and priests, and deacons, and the elders who have been forced to face this abomination within their own families. I am one of those pastures. But I want us to understand what our Messiah clearly told us in Luke chapter 12 verses 51 through 53:

Luk 12:51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

Luk 12:52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.

Luk 12:53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

The idea that our families are being divided should be of no surprise to us. We were told over 2000 years ago that this was going to happen. The problem is, that we don't read the book for ourselves to know any better. And it's because we don't read the book for ourselves, or study to show ourselves approved in order to rightly divide the word, that today's modern-day version of Christianity is as ignorant as it is. And this is exactly why God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. And even this... was prophesied about. Let's continue on reading Luke chapter 12 verses 54 through 57:

Luk 12:54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you

say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens.

Luk 12:55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.

Luk 12:56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Luk 12:57 "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

Why is it that we cannot interpret the present time? Because we don't study to show ourselves approved! We'd rather be watching football or baseball or basketball or NASCAR or the latest abomination that's being splashed across the silver screen. We'd rather be chasing that all-powerful dollar instead of raising our children and teaching them the things of God diligently and talking about them when we sit in our houses and when we walk by the way and when we lie down and when we rise. Today's modern-day version of Christianity has no concept of what it means to have the laws of God written in their hearts and in their minds the way our God breathed Scriptures tell us that they should be.

All they're interested in, is being once saved always saved according to the devil himself and living in a dispensational state of grace apart from God's law which is exactly what the devil has always set out to do from the very beginning. To separate God's people from God's law and his word and his Torah. They have misinterpreted, misunderstood, mistaken, and missed took the writings of the apostle Paul for granted. They have twisted the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures because they have been carried away by the error of lawless people just as we were warned in second Peter chapter 3 versus 15 through 17:

2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

The lying pen of the scribes and their so-called "early church fathers" has done them no service. They preach peace when there is no peace. They preach safety where there is no safety. Outside of the salvation of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob there is no peace, and there is no safety. They've been taught the abomination of a false Jesus, and a false spirit, and a false gospel just as the apostle Paul warned us about in second Corinthians chapter 11, and again in Galatians chapter 1, and all throughout his ministry.

In the 18th chapter of the book of revelation our Messiah tells us to come out of her my people lest you share in her plagues, for her sins are heaped as high as heaven, and God has

remembered her iniquities. What was he talking about? He's talking about Babylon. What is Babylon? Babylon means confusion. Babylon is a false religion. Babylon is a liar, Babylon is anti-Messiah. Babylon is everything that God is not. And she will be paid back as she herself has paid back others, she has murdered millions of God-fearing, cross bearing, Messiah following Christian, and she will be paid back double for her deeds and she will receive a mixed double portion in the cup that she herself has mixed.

She's glorified herself and lived in luxury and many of her prophets and priests have grown rich fat and lazy and slothful. They have been turned over to a debased mind because they have rejected God and rejected the true gift of salvation that comes through the only begotten son of God who came to preach and teach his Father's word not his own. But you see they love Babylon more than they love their very own Messiah. They are indeed... accursed just as the apostle Paul cursed them himself in the book of Galatians chapter 1 verse nine.

This is no game that we play. To handle the word of God incorrectly is to be in error. And to be in error, leads to deception, and deception leads to the bondage of darkness and the devil himself. Why are the end times so difficult to understand for so many people? Have you ever thought about that? Why is it, that so many people do not understand what is about to come upon them? They don't understand because they don't want to understand. They don't understand because they continuously seek after the wisdom of men, rather than seeking after the wisdom of God. They don't pray before they study. They don't ask God for the discernment to understand. They have no concept of what discernment even is, let alone the need to ask for it.

In James chapter 4 verse two, we're told that we do not have because we do not ask. James who was the brother of our Messiah tells us very clearly in James chapter 4 verse three, that we ask and do not receive because we ask wrongly, to spend it on our own passions. When you're asking for the truth so that you can build an Empire of wealth, and so that you can have a house in Florida and another house in California on each coast, and a private jet to fly in between the two... you're asking for truth so that you can spend it on your own passions. And this is why they don't have the truth.

Is the Tribulation 7 Years?

Speaking of deceptions... how many of us believe that Jacobs trouble and the tribulation is going last for seven years? How many times we been told that there will be a seven-year tribulation? Is that true? Is that what our Scriptures tell us?

Let's just test, whether or not this seven-year tribulation stands up to the word of God, shall we? Many people call this seven-years the "Great Tribulation", and we hear it all the time. But we hear a lot of things all the time. This doesn't mean that they're true just because we hear them all the time. Hitler once said that a lie becomes truth if you just repeated it over and over again enough times. And to some degree, this indeed is true for some people. Once they hear

something repeated to them over and over enough times, it does indeed become the truth to them. Why? Because it's what they grew up hearing. It's what their parents and grandparents have always believed. They can't imagine their parents and grandparents ever been wrong. If you tell a lie over and over enough times... it becomes the truth.

The first thing that we should realize, is who this came from. The second thing we should realize is that the devil is thousands of years old. And he's told thousands of lies, for thousands of years. But this does not make them true... at least not for a true God-fearing, cross bearing, Messiah following child of God.

Most preachers today get this seven-year tribulation prophecy from Daniel and the book of Revelation. I'd like us to turn to Revelation chapter 13 versus five through eight:

Rev 13:5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

Rev 13:7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,

Rev 13:8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

In verse five we see that the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous word, and it was allowed to exercise authority for how long? It says 42 months does it not? $42 \div 12$ is $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years, not seven. So, this beast will be allowed to make war on the Saints for three and half years. Is that hard to understand? Let's turn to Daniel chapter 7 verse 25:

Dan 7:25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

A time is one year, times is to years, and a half a time is a half a year, which is equal to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years... not seven years. Is this hard to understand? Let's turn to the book of Revelation chapter 12 verse six:

Rev 12:6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

The woman of course is "Israel". And so how long are we told that the house of Israel would hide in the wilderness for? We're told that the house of Israel would hide in the wilderness for 1260 days are we not? 42 months, or $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years equals 1260 days. So once again we see that the

house of Israel would hide in the wilderness for exactly 3 and half years... Not seven years. Is this difficult to understand?

Now, I want us to understand that there are some ignorant and uneducated so-called biblical scholars out there, who will proclaim that 42 months does not equal 1260 days because all of our months do not equal 30 days each. What they fail to realize, is that God's calendar months begin with each new moon according to his Torah. From new moon to new moon, or from month to month according to God's calendar... there are indeed 30 days in a month. When these prophecies were written, they were not written according to our modern-day Gregorian calendars, they were written according to God's calendar which is the only true Calendar.

Along with even more of this confusion, comes those who are known as Preterists. Preterists are people who believe that all, or most of the end time events prophesied in our Bibles, have already taken place. They believe that back in 70 A.D. when the temple was destroyed by Rome that this was the fulfillment of end time prophecy. These Preterists basically deny the future prophetic implications of the book of Revelation, as well as many of the prophetic Scriptures that have been delivered by the prophets.

Although, at first glance, many of the things that have happened throughout history could be pointed to as looking an awful lot like end time prophecy... for instance... Antiochus Epiphanies who overtook the temple during the days of the Maccabees, looks an awful lot like the abomination of desolation. And for those of you who don't know... this is why we celebrate the Feast of Dedication also known as "Hanukkah" (which our Messiah also attended by the way).

Antiochus Epiphanies raided the temple at Jerusalem back in about 168 BC during the days of the Maccabees, and sacrificed a pig on the altar of God, which is indeed an abomination, and set himself up as King over the people. Now although this may look an awful lot like the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel... we know that it clearly was not the abomination of desolation because many generations later in about 29 A.D.... our Messiah spoke about the prophecy of Daniel and the abomination of desolation as being in the future. And we can find that once again in Matthew chapter 24 verse 15 and 16:

Mat 24:15 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

Mat 24:16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

And so once again, as we often do... we see a shadow picture of things that are going to come. There are many shadow pictures of things to come that can be found within the pages of our God breathed Scriptures. Joseph was a shadow picture of our Messiah. Moses who was the one mediator between God and man, is a shadow picture of our Messiah who is the one man who is the mediator between God and man according to first Timothy chapter 2 verse five. The Exodus out of Egypt when God rescued his people out from under the hand of Pharaoh, is a shadow

picture of how God is going to rescue his people out from under the hand of the little “g” god of this world. And so, there are literally hundreds if not thousands of shadow pictures that show us the pattern of things to come. This is how our Father teaches us things so that we will remember them.

All of the spring feast days represented shadow pictures of things that would take place when our Messiah came. Our Messiah was the Passover Lamb. Our Messiah was the first fruit of the new harvest. Our Messiah was unleavened and without sin just as the unleavened bread that we are to eat during the feast of unleavened bread. Our Messiah’s blood rang in the new covenant, all of which were already written about in the Old Testament also known as the Torah.

And so, we shouldn’t be surprised when we see shadow pictures of things to come. We know that these end time events have not taken place as of yet because the Bible tells us that these events have not taken place as of yet.

It’s important to understand that in Daniel chapter 12 verse nine, God tells Daniel to go his way, because the prophecies and the words that he gave Daniel, were shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Now my friends, I ask you plainly, has the end come yet? Our own Messiah told us in his own red-letter words that not the crossing of a T nor the dotting of an I would pass away until heaven and earth passed away and all things are accomplished. So where do we find heaven and earth passing away, and all things being accomplished? We find them in Revelation chapter 21 clear at the end of the book. And I’d like us to go read Revelation chapter 21 versus one through six so that we can know and understand that the end has indeed not come yet. Revelation chapter 21 versus one through six:

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

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

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Let me ask you plainly my friends, has the first heaven and the first earth passed away yet?

Because I'm still standing on the earth, are you still standing on the earth? And the new Jerusalem has not yet come down out of heaven as of yet has it? Because I'm pretty sure, even as lousy as the news media today is... that this would have been all over the news media. You have to admit, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven would be a little hard to hide from the world. And the dwelling place of God is certainly not with man in this present day is it? Man is surely not dwelling with God today. Has God wiped away every tear from our eyes, and has death been swallowed up and done away with as of today? Because if these things have not been done... then clearly all things have not been accomplished as is written in Revelation chapter 21 verse six. These are the things that will take place in the end, when all things are accomplished, and I assure you my friends, that all things have not yet been accomplished, in the end is not yet come.

I'd also like to mention the fact that it has been fairly well-established that the book of Revelation was written somewhere between 96 A.D., which is about 26 years after the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D.. So what John the Revelator had written in the book of Revelation, given to him by our Messiah, was most likely written after the destruction of the temple, and therefore could not have been about the destruction of the temple that had already taken place. I'd like us to visit a website called the Christian Courier just to get a little bit better insight on what I'm talking about.

<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1552-when-was-the-book-of-revelation-written>

“Traditionally, the book of Revelation has been dated near the end of the first century, around A.D. 96. Some writers, however, have advanced the preterist (from a Latin word meaning “that which is past”) view, contending that the Apocalypse was penned around A.D. 68 or 69, and thus the thrust of the book is supposed to relate to the impending destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70).

A few prominent names have been associated with this position (e.g., Stuart, Schaff, Lightfoot, Foy E. Wallace Jr.), and for a brief time it was popular with certain scholars. James Orr has observed, however, that recent criticism has reverted to the traditional date of near A.D. 96 (1939, 2584). In fact, the evidence for the later date is extremely strong.

In view of some of the bizarre theories that have surfaced in recent times (e.g., the notion that all end-time prophecies were fulfilled with the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70), which are dependent upon the preterist interpretation, we offer the following.

External Evidence

The external evidence for the late dating of Revelation is of the highest quality.

Irenaeus

Irenaeus (A.D. 180), a student of Polycarp (who was a disciple of the apostle John), wrote that the apocalyptic vision “was seen not very long ago, almost in our own generation, at the close

of the reign of Domitian” (Against Heresies 30). The testimony of Irenaeus, not far removed from the apostolic age, is first rate. He places the book near the end of Domitian’s reign, and that ruler died in A.D. 96. Irenaeus seems to be unaware of any other view for the date of the book of Revelation.

Clement of Alexandria

Clement of Alexandria (A.D. 155-215) says that John returned from the isle of Patmos “after the tyrant was dead” (Who Is the Rich Man? 42), and Eusebius, known as the “Father of Church History,” identifies the “tyrant” as Domitian (Ecclesiastical History III.23).

Even Moses Stuart, America’s most prominent preterist, admitted that the “tyrant here meant is probably Domitian.” Within this narrative, Clement further speaks of John as an “old man.” If Revelation was written prior to A.D. 70, it would scarcely seem appropriate to refer to John as an old man, since he would only have been in his early sixties at this time.”

Now with all this being said, even if, the book of Revelation was written before the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D.... we can clearly see that the events of Revelation chapter 21 have not yet occurred. And therefore, completely and utterly dismiss the view of a Preterists theology.

Some people even believe that the Millennium is already here because their version of “Jesus” is now living in the hearts of his followers, and that the first resurrection of Revelation chapter 20 verse 5 is not a physical restoration from the dead, but that it’s the spiritual resurrection of water baptism that makes one a “new creature”.

This all sounds fine and dandy until you read the scripture for yourself, and read what the Apostle Paul has to say about such things. Let’s turn to **2nd Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 1 through 8:**

2Th 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers,

2Th 2:2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

2Th 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

2Th 2:4 who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

2Th 2:5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

2Th 2:8 *And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.*

According to the Apostle Paul, and our God breathed scriptures... the “abomination of desolation” must take place before the return of our Messiah. This man of lawlessness will exalt himself against all other gods or objects of worship and take his seat in the temple of God. That word “temple” is the Greek word “naos” and it does indeed mean “temple” for those of you who were wondering. Daniel also speaks of this in **Daniel chapter 11 verse 31**:

Dan 11:31 *Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.*

So according to Paul in 2nd Thessalonians chapter 2 verse 4... this must take place before our Messiah will return. And the regular burnt offering has not started yet, and there is no temple to profane as of yet, and so the man of lawlessness has not been revealed as of yet, and therefore our Messiah could not have come according to scripture as of yet, spiritually or otherwise according to scripture. Not to mention the fact that our Messiah himself warned us about believing false prophets who say that he has already come in **Matthew chapter 24 verses 24 through 27**:

Mat 24:24 *For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.*

Mat 24:25 *See, I have told you beforehand.*

Mat 24:26 *So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.*

Mat 24:27 *For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

Do not fall for false prophets that say that he has already come my friends... do not fall for it.

And there is so much, much more that we could get into concerning this Preterists view and all of the holes that this theology has. We could spend literally a month of sabbaths completely dismantling and destroying this particular point of view with a surmountable amount of biblical and historical truth. But for time’s sake, we’re going to save that for another study in particular because we don’t want to waste all of our time on things that are not true when we’re trying to understand what is true. And I think that our God given common sense will help guard us against many of these doctrines and theologies that just simply cannot be true if we stick to what it is that our God breathed Scriptures tell us. And it’s a shame that we have to spend so much time going through what is not true before we can get to what is true. But in order to build our house on the rock, and the truth of God’s word, we must first get out of the sand and dust off our boots, so that we can stand on the rock of truth.

There are many deceptions that our adversary has cast upon us, and it's important to make sure that we are completely out of, and free from, today's net of deception, because we know that our adversary will surely be casting another net of deception over us in the very near future, and we don't want to be caught up in one net of deception while giving our adversary the advantage of casting a second net upon us while we're still trying to get out of the first one.

And so, if that make sense to you, you can understand why it is that we are fighting this upstream battle against today's deceptions before moving into the truth that will prepare us for the next battle.

And with that being said, next week, we'll take a look at the timeline of Jacob's trouble and the tribulation according to what the word of God says. And we'll go into more depth concerning what is about to come upon the world, and what the world is clearly not ready for.

Next seventh day Sabbath at 9 AM in standard time.