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Matthew Chapters 15 And 16 The Wickedness of The Pulpit!

During our study into the book of Matthew last week, we dove into the traditions and commandments of men, and what defiles a person, and the fact that the men that were standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah's time were indeed nothing more than blind guides, a brood of vipers and two-fold children of hell according to our Messiah. And it's important that we realize exactly what these blind guides had done by preaching and teaching a law that was mixed and mingled with their own narcissism and vanity. And as we continue in our studies this morning, we're going to continue to see the damage that these rabbinical Pharisees had done throughout the land and we're going to see our Messiah continuously pointing to those men who were standing behind the pulpits of his time as hypocrites and whitewashed tombs and blind guides all throughout his ministry.

As we read through Matthew chapter 15, we find that in Matthew chapter 15 verse 12 the disciples even come to our Messiah warning him that the Pharisees were offended by his teachings... at which time our Messiah fires back and tells them that every plant that his heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. And he gives the apostles a very direct commandment in verse 14 when he tells them to let the Pharisees alone because they are blind guides and if the blind lead the blind... both will fall into a pit.

And after all of this Peter is still somewhat confused in verse 15 and asks our Messiah to explain the parable to them at which time our Messiah is clearly frustrated with Peter as he asks Peter point blank, "Are you also still without understanding?"

And once again our Messiah explains to Peter that eating with unwashed hands does

not defile a person which is exactly what this whole conversation was all about. We must remember in the beginning of Matthew chapter 15 the accusation from the Pharisees was that our Messiah's disciples were not washing their hands before they ate according to the law of the Pharisees which was not the law of God... but was according to their own law.

Once again far too many modern-day Christians today are much like Peter in the fact that they do not understand Matthew chapter 15. Often times the unstudied and the misguided believe and will tell you that Matthew chapter 15 is all about eating unclean animals. But the context of Matthew chapter 15 has nothing to do with eating animals that are not even considered as food to our Father in heaven.

In chapter 11 of the book of Leviticus clear back in the beginning of the Bible our Father in heaven lays out before us what food is and what food is not. Pigs and crustaceans and crabs and things that eat fish poop off the bottom of the ocean are not considered food according to our Father in heaven. And therefore, the disciples nor the scribes nor the Pharisees would have been sitting down for a ham sandwich in Matthew chapter 15. And anyone who reads their Bible from the beginning of the book would have already known that. The problem is that most modern-day Christians today do not know that because they have been deceitfully and shamefully taught not to read the beginning of the Bible because according to their modern day denominational empires of men, they teach that the law is done away with, and that the Torah is of no effect, and a new Roman Catholic God has now come to town that has come to create his own festivals and his own sabbaths and make it all about himself. And this my friends is the quintessential definition of both heresy and blasphemy, and once again does indeed qualify as sin which according to the Bible is defined as the transgression of the law according to first John chapter 3 verse four of the New Testament.

And so, for today's modern day professing Christian there are a lot of things here in Matthew chapter 15 that should be jumping off of the pages of our Bibles and getting our attention today in our time.

Which leads us down into Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 through 28. But before we get into the faith of the Canaanite woman, I'd like us to go back and just reread Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 through 39. And so, let us return and once again reread **Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 through 39 E1**

Mat 15:21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Mat 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

Mat 15:23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

Mat 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Mat 15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

Mat 15:26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

Mat 15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Mat 15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Jesus Heals Many

Mat 15:29 Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there.

Mat 15:30 And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them,

Mat 15:31 so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

Mat 15:32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

Mat 15:33 And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?"

Mat 15:34 And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

Mat 15:35 And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground,

Mat 15:36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

Mat 15:37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

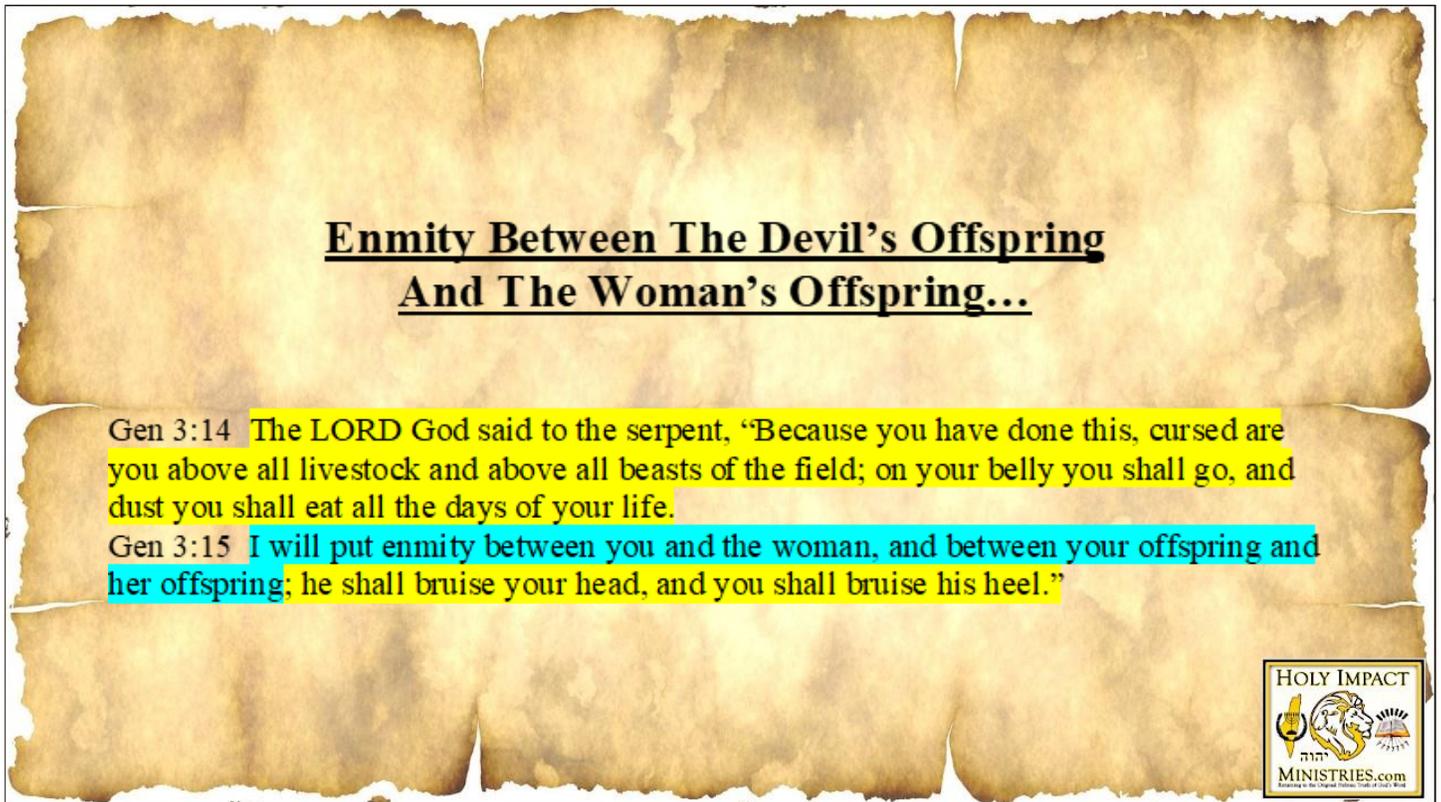
Mat 15:38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

Mat 15:39 And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Here in Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 through 28, we read about the faith of the Canaanite woman. But we also read that our Messiah was sent only to the lost sheep

of the house of Israel which often times dumbfounds many modern-day Christians who believe that our Messiah was sent for everyone.

The idea that our Messiah was sent for everyone is clearly not found within the confines of our God read Scripture. Our Messiah was sent for those who have a heart for his Father in heaven that's who our Messiah was sent for. And just to be clear about this biblical fact, I would like is to go back to the very beginning of the book and to once again examine **Genesis chapter 3 verses 14 and 15. (scrn 1)**



Clearly, right here in the beginning of the book we read that both the devil and the woman will have offspring. And not only will the devil and the woman both have offspring, but that Yehovah God would put enmity between the two. The English word "enmity" found in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 comes from the Hebrew word "ay-baw" (eybah), and it does indeed mean "enmity" and "hatred" or "hostility".

And so, we can see right here in Genesis chapter 3 in the beginning of the Bible that our Father in heaven has allowed the children of the devil to grow up in amongst his children who are also known as the seed of the woman. And therefore, according to the Bible and the spoken word of our Father in heaven we who are the remnant of the house of Israel and have been grafted into the house of Israel are indeed walking

amongst the offspring of the devil himself. And this is exactly who the men standing behind the pulpits were back in the days of our Messiah according to our Messiah.

Today's modern-day Christian would do well to sit up and take note of Matthew chapter 15 verse 24 where our Messiah tells us that he was sent only... get that my friends... he was sent only... to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Who are the lost sheep of the house of Israel? I would submit to you that the lost sheep of the house of Israel is indeed the remnant spoken of by the apostle Paul in Romans chapter 11. And we would do well to take the time to go back and read the beginning of Romans chapter 11 in order to understand that there will only be a remnant of mankind that will be saved at the end of the age. **Romans 11:1-5 (scrn 2)**

A Remnant Chosen By Grace!

Rom 11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

Rom 11:2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

Rom 11:3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life."

Rom 11:4 But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

Rom 11:5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.



Once again, the spoken word of our God read Scripture does not at any time tell us that all of mankind is going to be saved. This my friends is once again nothing more than man-made narcissism and vanity that comes directly from the children of the devil who are still to this very day standing behind our modern-day pulpits just as they were standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah's time. And this is exactly why our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 15 verse 24 that he was only sent to

the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

One of the many problems that today's modern-day professing Christians have is simply that they have been lied to for generations by these exact same children of the devil who are still standing behind our pulpits today. Each and every modern-day professing Christian would do well to not only go back and read the beginning of the Bible from the book of Genesis... but to also read through and know and understand what their New Testament actually does and does not say.

The apostle Paul makes it extremely clear in Romans chapter 11 what it is that a true modern-day Christian is grafted into. According to the apostle Paul in Romans chapter 11 a modern-day Christian who is a true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christian is grafted into the olive tree that is the house of Israel. And what's important to understand about Matthew chapter 15 verse 24 is that the lost sheep of the house of Israel does not only include those who are by blood descendants of Abraham. But the lost sheep of the house of Israel also includes Gentile converts who have also been spiritually grafted into the house of Israel and are seen in the eyes of God as natives of the land. And just to once again verify that through both the Old Testament and the New Testament, let's once again allow the Bible to interpret the Bible. **Exodus 12:48-51 E2**

Exo 12:48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

Exo 12:49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

Exo 12:50 All the people of Israel did just as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

Exo 12:51 And on that very day the LORD brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

And so, we have confirmation of the fact that the Gentile strangers who were traveling with the house of Israel were indeed required to be circumcised and they were also required to keep the Torah of Yehovah God just as the native Israelite was commanded to do. And if the Gentile stranger was willing to do these things, then he would be seen as a native of the land. In other words... he would become an Israelite in the eyes of Yehovah God.

And so, the question then becomes do we see this exact same language found in the New Testament? And the unequivocal answer to that question is a resounding yes!

We can actually find this language and this Bible truth all throughout our New Testaments and Romans chapter 11 is a perfect example of exactly what we see here an Exodus chapter 12 of the Old Testament. But we can also turn to Galatians chapter 3 as well. (scrn 3)

The Remnant of Yehovah Identified!

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek (Gentile), there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.



Once again, right here in the New Testament we see the exact same thing that we just read an Exodus chapter 12 of the Old Testament. Right here in Galatians chapter 3 verse 28 the apostle Paul tells us very clearly that there is neither Jew nor Gentile there is neither slave nor free there is not even a difference between a male and a female because we are all one in the Messiah who was indeed the offspring of Abraham. And because our Messiah is the offspring of Abraham in the flesh... and because our Messiah is that door that no man can shut and because every man must pass through this door... we as Gentiles or Jews must all pass through the very Jewish body of our Messiah in order to be seen as a native of the land which according to Exodus chapter 12 once again points directly to the house of Israel who are God's chosen set apart people.

Just as the apostle Paul clearly tells us in the 11th chapter of the book of Romans God has not rejected his people. There is indeed a remnant... get that my friends...

a remnant... that has been chosen by grace. And just like in the days of Moses during the days of the Exodus, Gentiles were being grafted into the house of Israel just as the Gentiles are being grafted into the house of Israel today in our time. Nothing has changed my friends. There is no difference between the Old Testament commandment for a Gentile back in Moses' day and the New Testament commandment for a Gentile today in our time. And it is extremely important that we properly understand the grafting in of the Gentile and what we are reading right here in Matthew chapter 15 concerning the faith of the Canaanite woman because this is a perfect example of how a Gentile becomes grafted into the house of Israel and part of the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Let's go back very quickly and re-examine **Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 through 28; E1**

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

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Mat 15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

What's important to see here within these verses, is that the Canaanite woman was clearly a Gentile woman who was not by blood part of the house of Israel. And there should be no doubt in our minds that our Messiah already knew who she was. Our Messiah already knew what she believed. Our Messiah already knew why she was there at that point in time in front of his disciples. What we are reading here in Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 through 28 is an ongoing lesson that our Messiah was attempting to teach his disciples.

When this Gentile Canaanite woman came crying out to him asking him to save her daughter who was severely oppressed by a demon the first reaction of his disciples

was to send her away. And I want us to think about that for just a moment. Here are the very disciples of our Messiah with no compassion in their heart at all whatsoever concerning this Gentile Canaanite woman, and why? Because they had been previously taught by the wicked rabbinical Pharisees that Gentiles were dogs and that a Jewish person couldn't even eat with or enter the home of a Gentile dog. Here are the disciples of our Messiah watching this Gentile woman grovel at the feet of Yeshua crying and begging him to pay attention to her and all the disciples want to do is to send her away. All they want to do is get rid of the problem. They don't want to address the problem because they've been wrongly taught that they don't have to be bothered with this Gentile woman and her problems because she's a Gentile dog.

And this, I would submit to you is exactly what happens to many of us as modern-day Christians. We don't like confrontation. We don't like having to deal with other people's problems. We don't like to hear people complaining. It's so much easier to simply turn and walk away than it is to deal with the confrontation and to fix the problem. And this is exactly what our Messiah was teaching his disciples during this event. He knew what they had been taught by these wicked rabbinical Pharisees and their hypocrisy.

Our Messiah had already heard his disciples telling him to send her away and so he seems to do this exact thing when he tells her that he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and that it is not right to take the children's bread and to throw it to the dogs.

Now at this point in time I'm sure that the apostles thought in their minds that this would be the end of the matter. The apostles were probably relieved to hear our Messiah seemingly brushing this Gentile Canaanite woman off and sending her away. But there should also be no doubt in our minds that the disciples of our Messiah were absolutely stunned at what took place next.

The Gentile Canaanite woman agrees with Yeshua, but she says something that turns this whole situation around on a dime. She says something that causes our Messiah to stop and to turn towards her. She says something that immediately graphs her into the remnant of the house of Israel. And so, the question then becomes, what did she say?

As soon as our Messiah tells her that he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house

of Israel and that it is not right to take the children's bread and to throw it to the dogs she immediately responds by saying and I quote, "Yes Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters table."

Think about what this Gentile Canaanite woman had just confessed directly from her heart. Think about what just came from the heart of this Gentile Canaanite woman. Within one sentence she stopped our Messiah dead in his tracks. Within one sentence she exemplified exactly what it was that our Messiah was looking for that very day. The first thing that she does is to humble herself at the feet of our Messiah that's number one. The second thing that she does is that she admits that she is indeed as low as a dog in his presence. She is not puffed up. She's not beating on her chest about how she calls him Lord, Lord or how she prophesied in his name or how she cast out demons in his name or how she did many mighty works in his name. Instead... she makes herself low before him and comes before him with a broken spirit and a contrite heart and what does she call him? She calls him "Koo-ree-os" (kurios) in the Greek which means "supreme in authority", it means "master".

There should be no doubt in our minds that this Gentile Canaanite woman knew exactly who our Messiah was and that this knowledge of who our Messiah was had to have been clearly given to her by the Ruach Hakodesh of God, the very spirit of God himself. And this woman was not going to simply allow our Messiah to pass her by without making clear to him that she not only knew who he was, but that she herself accepted him as her personal master and King. And this my friends is exactly what our Messiah was looking for. He was looking for those who had been given the heart transplant of God. He was looking for those whom his Father had removed a heart of stone from and had replaced with a beating heart of flesh. He was looking for those who had the law of his Father written across their hearts and in their minds because this was the quintessential mark of God himself that had been put upon his chosen set apart... remnant people.

This is such an important piece of the puzzle that I daresay no true God-fearing Messiah following cross bearing Christian could ever overlook what just happened here in Matthew chapter 15 concerning this Gentile Canaanite woman. Because I would submit to you my friends that what had happened to this Gentile Canaanite woman has happened to us all. There is not one person within the sound of my voice here this morning that would ever take the time to sit down and watch this live broadcast concerning the teaching of the apostles and the very red-letter words

of our Messiah if they did not have the eyes to see and the ears to hear given to them by our Father in heaven.

If there is no calling... if there is no small voice speaking in your ear... if you have no interest in the word of God... if you are not driven to know the truth... if there is not an innate sense of need within your soul to ask and to seek and to knock... then you would not be here this morning. But you see because there is a calling in your heart and there is a calling in your soul, you are driven to search out and to hear the word of God being read to you hear today. That's why you're here. And it is the Ruach Hakodesh the very spirit of God himself that makes these things that we hear made known to us and understood by us. Not through our own discernment and our own understanding but through his discernment and his understanding. You have either been blessed with it or you have not. And this Gentile Canaanite woman had beyond the shadow of a doubt been blessed with the very Ruach Hakodesh of God who had revealed to her who his only begotten Son was and that this Jewish man that was standing before her that very day was indeed the only begotten Son of God and was indeed her Messiah and King who had the power to save not only her... but her demon possessed daughter as well.

I want us to think about what the apostles said when our Messiah asked them and I quote, "Who do you say that I am?" Let's jump ahead one chapter into Matthew chapter 16 and let's read **Matthew chapter 16 verses 13 through 20 E3**

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

Mat 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Mat 16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Mat 16:16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mat 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Mat 16:20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Here in Matthew chapter 16 our Messiah asks his disciples Pointblank, “Who do you say that I am?” And when Peter replies by immediately saying “You are the Messiah, the son of the living God.”... What does our Messiah reply immediately to him? Our Messiah says and I quote, “Blessed are you Simon bar Jonah for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

Who had revealed who Yeshua was to this Gentile Canaanite woman? How did she already know who he was? How did she already know that he had the power to heal her daughter who had a demon?” She knew these things because just like Peter... his Father had revealed these things to her. And I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment because this is monumentally important for us to grasp.

Why were the apostles perplexed about the Gentiles being grafted into the house of Israel when it was clearly written that the Gentiles were always being grafted into the house of Israel clear back in the beginning of the Torah in Exodus chapter 12? Stop and think about that for just a moment. These were all Jewish men who all went to the synagogues to listen where they not? But... who was it that they were listening to? They went to listen to the men standing behind the pulpits who were who? The rabbinical Pharisees and the scribes. The very same men that were standing behind the pulpits of the apostle’s day.... were the very same man that our Messiah had proclaimed as children of the devil.

What was the law of the land in the apostle’s day concerning Gentiles? Once again, the law of the land was not the law of the Torah but the law of the rabbinical Pharisees who had mixed and mingled the Torah with their own man-made narcissism and vanity.

The children of the devil that were standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah’s time had taught the apostles that Gentiles were dogs. And this is exactly what Acts chapter 10 is all about when Peter sees this vision of a sheet full of unclean animals.

You see the apostles... because they had been taught wrongly... believed that it was a sin to even enter the household of a Gentile because they were seen as unclean dogs. That’s what the children of the devil standing behind the pulpits of their day were teaching! The apostles were not educated in the Torah and what the Torah said. They had allowed themselves to be preprogrammed by the children of the devil that were standing behind the pulpits of their day who had lied to them and told them that the unclean Gentiles could not be grafted into the house of Israel and

that they were lower than unclean dogs and that it was a sin to even eat with such a person.

And this is exactly what Acts chapter 10 is all about. Peter's vision of this sheet full of unclean animals had absolutely nothing to do with eating unclean animals. And this is exactly why we are told in Acts chapter 10 that Peter was perplexed and dumbfounded and could not understand this vision. The lesson of this vision was not revealed to Peter until he arrived at the house of Corneilius who was a Gentile Centurion. It was only then that Peter understood the vision of the sheet of unclean animals, and it was only then that he realized that he was not to call any man unclean! Men whether Gentiles or not are not to be likened unto unclean animals. All men are created in the image of God! But this was something that Peter had to be taught and reminded of because of his upbringing and the teachings of the wicked rabbinical Pharisees of his time.

Peter was being called to the house of Cornelius who was a Gentile Centurion who had been called by God just as he was. Cornelius who was a Gentile had been called by our Father in heaven. And the meaning of this sheet full of unclean animals does not finally click with Peter and it doesn't make sense to Peter until... until... he arrives at the house of Cornelius and sees that he and his family were also given the Ruach Hakodesh of God just as he was. And you can verify that in Acts chapter 10 verse 28 if you don't already know these things.

Now keeping this in mind... if Peter had been well-versed in the Torah... the law of God... the spoken word of God... Peter would have never been preprogrammed to think that Gentiles were unclean dogs. Where did Peter get the idea that Gentiles were dogs? He certainly didn't get that from the Torah. He got that idea, and that pre-programming from the children of the devil who were standing behind the pulpits of the synagogues in his day. And that's why when we read in Matthew chapter 15 about this Gentile Canaanite woman being accepted by our Messiah, this was such a shocker to the apostles. They could never even imagine that a Gentile could be saved or included within the house of Israel. Why? Because they had been taught the exact opposite by the children of the devil who were standing behind the pulpits of their synagogues back in that day. Do you see why our Messiah called these wicked rabbinical Pharisees... children of the devil? Do you see the damage that they had done across the land? Do you see how they had profaned the very name and image of God himself?

And so, my question to you today is... is this still going on in our time? Are the children of the devil still standing behind our modern-day pulpits today? Are the children of the devil still pre-programming us to believe things that are simply not true today just as the children of the devil were standing behind the pulpits during the apostle's time teaching them things that were simply not true?

I would submit to you my friends that because this did not work... the Devil has swung the pendulum far back the in the other direction. What does the church today teach and preach? Do they not teach and preach assimilation? Do they not preach and teach inclusivity with the world? Are they themselves not running back into the arms of Roman Catholicism who is once again teaching an "all inclusive religion" that brings all the religions of the world back under her authority and her power? Have you not heard of the ecumenical proclamations of the great harlot?

Has anything changed from the days of our apostles to today? Is the deception not just as thick and even more so than it was even in the days of our Messiah? Once again, our Messiah never taught that things would get better. He taught that things would get worse before his return.

I would submit to you my friends that just as old King Solomon had written so long ago in the first chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes... "What has been, is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun." Make no doubt about my friends the children of the devil are more numerous than we can count, and they are indeed the offspring of the serpent who have just in our Messiah's day found their way behind our modern-day denominational pulpits today in our time.

First day of the week Sunday Sabbath, Good Friday, Easter, Advent, lent, Christ mass, All Saints Day (also known as Halloween) are all nothing but sanctimonious narcissism and vanity that has been propagated for generation in order to deceive an ignorant and unstudied people by a blasphemous little horn who has come to wear out the saints of the Most High and has thought to change the times and the law of the very Elohim of Israel just as it was prophesied that he would do.

I would submit to you that we are much more advanced in the timeline of Revelation than most of us realize that we are. And this is exactly what our newest documentary will explain in great detail according to both history and the Bible itself. And so, if you are interested in more information concerning these things

please keep watching because we will explain them in great detail within this new documentary that we are now working on entitled “Revelations Secret Key”. And once again... it will be free to everyone.

Continuing on in Matthew chapter 15 verses 29 through 31 we see our Messiah leaving the district of Tyron and Sidon and walking up beside the Sea of Galilee. And as he went up on the mountain and sat down there, great crowds came to him bringing with them the lame and the blind and the crippled and the mute and many others and they put them at his feet, and he healed them so that the crowd wondered. And it is written in verse 31 that once again they glorified the God of Israel which was the whole point in our Messiah performing these miracles. These miracles that our Messiah performed were much like a business card from his Father declaring the authority that our Father in heaven had bestowed upon his only begotten Son so that no one would be justified in doubting who he was.

And as we get down into Matthew chapter 15 verses 32 through 39, we once again see our Messiah feeding thousands more people with seven loaves of bread and a few small fish. Once again proving to the crowds who he was and the authority that had been given to him by his Father in heaven. Which brings us to Matthew chapter 16 where we once again find the Pharisees and the Sadducees demanding signs from our Messiah as if what he had already done in front of thousands of people was not enough.

Matthew chapter 16 is chocked full of the hypocrisy of the rabbinical Pharisees of his time that were standing behind the pulpits of the synagogues, and we’ll learn very quickly about the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and we will once again see Peter’s response to who he thought that our Messiah was and who had given him this knowledge.

From there we’ll hear our Messiah foretell and prophesy about his death and his resurrection and at the end of this prophetic proclamation he clearly tells his disciples that if anyone would come after him, they would need to deny themselves and to take up his cross in order to follow him. And so, without further delay let us now move into Matthew chapter 16 and let’s read it for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it does say and just as importantly what it does not say.

Matthew chapter 16 E4

The Pharisees and Sadducees Demand Signs

Mat 16:1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

Mat 16:2 He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'

Mat 16:3 And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

Mat 16:4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

Mat 16:5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread.

Mat 16:6 Jesus said to them, "Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Mat 16:7 And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, "We brought no bread."

Mat 16:8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread?"

Mat 16:9 Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

Mat 16:10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

Mat 16:11 How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Mat 16:12 Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

Mat 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Mat 16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Mat 16:16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mat 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Mat 16:20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Mat 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Mat 16:22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."

Mat 16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Mat 16:25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Mat 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Mat 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

Mat 16:28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew chapter 16 is so vitally important to understand because it has everything to do with the fact that the disciples themselves were so entrenched in what the rabbinical Pharisees had taught them... that they were literally blindsided by what our Messiah was trying to teach them.

In the beginning of Matthew chapter 16 verses one through four the Pharisees and the Sadducees came to test our Messiah by once again asking him to show them a sign from heaven. And our Messiah says something extremely profound to them in his response. Our Messiah says to them "When it is evening you say it will be fair weather for the sky is red. In the morning it will be stormy today the sky is red and threatening. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."

And I would like to stop for just a moment and talk about what our Messiah just got done telling the rabbinical Pharisees and the Sadducees of his time.

We as modern-day Christians by and large have become much like the rabbinical Pharisees and Sadducees of our Messiah's time. We can tell what the weather is going to be tomorrow, but we are so perplexed, so dumbfounded, so confused, so prophetically illiterate that we no longer have the ability to interpret the signs of the

times.

I cannot tell you how many times a brother or sister has asked me whether or not I think that we are living at the end of the age. And my mind immediately goes back to Matthew chapter 16. How is it that we can interpret the appearance of the sky, but we cannot interpret the signs of the time. How is it that people do not know that we are living at the end of the age? How is it that people can deny the prophetic roadmap that our Messiah has laid out before us? I would submit to you that for a Christian to not know that we are living in the end times today in our time and to be completely and utterly oblivious to what is happening all around them can be compared to having one's head buried deeply in a cement block!

I'd like to turn for just a moment to **Matthew chapter 24 and I would just like us to very quickly gloss over verses three through 14; E5 (Just Show)**

Signs of the End of the Age

Mat 24:3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.

Mat 24:5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.

Mat 24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

Mat 24:7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

Mat 24:8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Mat 24:9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

Mat 24:10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Here in Matthew chapter 24 our Messiah tells us very clearly what the signs of the end of the age are. We don't have to guess what they are... they're written down for us right here in Matthew chapter 24. We've all heard them. We've all read them. But do we believe them? You see that's the problem... do we believe them? What

does our Messiah say is going to take place at the end of the age? The very first thing that he says in verse four is to see that no one leads us astray. This very red-letter commandment is clearly telling us that there will be many who will be attempting to lead us astray.

Let me ask you plainly... is anyone trying to lead us astray today in our time? The world is full of people trying to lead us astray. Even those who we call the leaders of our city councils and our state legislators... those who sit in both the House and the Senate... Congressman and Senators and presidents and prime ministers and kings and queens around the world are all attempting to lead us astray and into a one world government. Our Messiah tells us that many would come in his name saying that they are the Messiah and that they would lead many astray. Have we seen that? How many Roman Catholic Popes have there been... all claiming to be the Christ and leading billions of people astray? Our Messiah tells us that we will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Do we not hear of wars and rumors of wars every single solitary day every time that we turn on a news broadcast or the internet? Is the phrase "World War III" not on the lips of even our military leaders around the world today?

Our Messiah says that nation will rise against nation and kingdom will rise against kingdom. We don't see any of that today do we? Israel and Iran, Russia and China and the United States... the South China Sea and Thailand and North and South Korea? Our Messiah says that there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. I suppose we don't see any of that either. Supply chains going down around the world food shortages, prices at the grocery market sky rocketing and that even if they have any food on their shelves to offer...

Our Messiah says that they will deliver Christians up to tribulation and put them to death and that his followers will be hated by all nations for his namesake. Have we not seen Christians around the world being beheaded? Is Christianity not the most hated religion around the world today in our time? Is Christianity today in our time in Hollywood movies and even in cartoons not becoming a mockery and a byword?

Our Messiah tells us that many will fall away and betray one another and that they will hate one another. I don't suppose we see any of that today in our time. And he goes on to tell us that many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. I daresay that as much as at least 90% (and that's being conservative) of today's modern-day Christian pulpits clearly have what can be defined as false prophets preaching and

teaching Roman Catholic doctrines and dogmas while claiming not to be Roman Catholic. Today's protestant churches have long ago died and have been buried generations ago. Today's modern-day protestant churches are nothing more than the daughters of their mother church of Rome proclaiming her first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, proclaiming her Good Friday, proclaiming her Easter Sunday morning, proclaiming her Christ-mass, proclaiming her All Saints Day also known as Halloween and a whole gamete of manmade trash that comes directly from the narcissism and vanity of men who have no eyes to see or ears to hear the truth. Nor do they have the desire to even know it.

And our Messiah goes on to tell us that because lawlessness will be increased... get that my friends... because lawlessness will be increased... the love of many will grow cold.

Why are the number of Christians in the United States dwindling by the day? Why are churches losing their numbers and closing their doors and being turned into Muslim mosques? Why are so many falling away and betray one another and hating one another today in our time? Why is it that people can no longer agree to disagree and yet still love one another? I would submit to you that all of this has taken place and will continue to take place and to grow immeasurably because... lawlessness has been increased across the face of the earth and is continuing to increase across the face of the earth and will continue to increase even more than we have ever seen it increase within the history of mankind.

How is it that we know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but we cannot interpret the signs of the times? Could it have anything to do with lawlessness increasing across the face of the earth? Could it have anything to do with throwing God's law out the window and willfully and intentionally turning it into a curse? Could it have anything to do with trading the truth for a lie and a lie for the truth?

Are we living at the end of the age? You better believe we're living at the end of the age. And for anyone to not have the eyes to see and the ears to hear what is happening all around us is to deny the very red-letter words of our Messiah who came to set before us a roadmap so that we would be able to have the eyes to see and ears to hear what was coming.

The rabbinical Pharisees who were indeed children of the devil had no eyes to see and no ears to hear either. There before them was our Messiah standing right in

front of them face-to-face and they didn't even know who he was. And I would submit to you my friends that if our Messiah were to come to earth this very day the way that he did back in the days of the apostles... the wicked rabbinical Pharisees that are standing behind our pulpits today would be just as blind and deaf as the wicked rabbinical Pharisees that were standing behind the pulpits in his day. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

My hope and my prayer is that we will ponder these most important red letter words that were spoken directly to the children of the devil who were the men who were standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah's day. My hope and my prayer is that we will always remember that it was the men who were standing behind the pulpits that were the arch enemies of our Messiah and the Elohim of Israel. My hope and my prayer is that Yehovah will continue to pour out his Spirit in these last days so that we may be blessed with the eyes to see and ears to hear so that we may know and understand how important it is for us not to be... lawless.

And with those truths being firmly laid out before us, my hope and my prayer is that we will praise and worship the very name of Yehovah in the storm and out of the storm. And that we will stand firm in the face of adversity and not shrink back in the face of confrontation. Let us once again put on the full armor of God and get into the fight. And let us always be at the ready. Ready and willing to give an account for what it is that we believe not because someone told it to us... but because our God breathed Scripture says so.

And as we close the books for this Sabbath morning... I will do as I always do and once again ask as I always do... that everyone within the sound of my voice would please... take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet, and bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and his door alone and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.