



Matthew Chapter 26e Betrayal And Deception

Once again, I would just like to say welcome to everyone this morning who has decided to join us for our fifth study into Matthew chapter 26.

The 26th chapter of the book of Matthew has 75 verses in it and is one of the largest chapters in the New Testament after Luke chapter 1 which has 80 verses in it.

And therefore, when we come to chapters like these, it's always a good idea to slow down and take our time because chapters like these are literally packed with valuable information that we as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians need to know and understand.

During the past month or so we've spoken about how our Messiah foretold the very day of his death in Matthew chapter 26 verse two. We also talked about our Messiah being anointed at Bethany by a woman who anointed his head with oil as he reclined at the table. And we also talked about the timing of our Messiah's entrance into Jerusalem and how this once again fulfilled the Passover. And we spoke about the 30 pieces of silver that Judas took in trade for betraying our Messiah. And we spoke in great detail about the last Passover meal that our Messiah shared with his apostles and how the timeline of all of this worked out according to the original Greek manuscripts.

We spoke about the institution of the bread and the cup also known as communion and we read about how Yeshua had prophesied that Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed.

We also talked about how our Messiah prayed in the garden of Gethsemane and who it was that he prayed to. And we went into great detail concerning all of these things but now, as we get down to Matthew chapter 26 versus 47 through 75, we begin to see how all of these things unfolded and manifested into not only the betrayal of our Messiah, but the arrest of our Messiah. And we are going to see some things here in today's study that might shock us all. And that my friends... is politics.

Are there actually politics in the Bible?

Unbeknownst to many modern-day professing Christians the Bible itself is filled with politics. From the very beginning of the Bible the house of Israel was set up with court systems and judges and penalties and rules and regulations that all encapsulate the very essence of what we call today... Politics. And right here in Matthew chapter 26 we are going to see a lot of politics going on. And I want us to be on the lookout for these politics that we see in Matthew chapter 26 because I would submit to you that it was indeed the devil's politics and policies that had literally unjustly condemned an innocent man to death.

Keeping these things in mind, let's turn to Matthew chapter 26 this morning and let's read Matthew chapter 26 versus 47 through 75 so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly, what it does not say. **Matthew chapter 26 versus 47 through 75 E1**

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Mat 26:47 While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Mat 26:48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him."

Mat 26:49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him.

Mat 26:50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

Mat 26:51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

Mat 26:52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

Mat 26:53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

Mat 26:54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

Mat 26:55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.

Mat 26:56 But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Council

Mat 26:57 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.

Mat 26:58 And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

Mat 26:59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,

Mat 26:60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward

Mat 26:61 and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'"

Mat 26:62 And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"

Mat 26:63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Mat 26:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Mat 26:65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.

Mat 26:66 What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

Mat 26:67 Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him,

Mat 26:68 saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Peter Denies Jesus

Mat 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

Mat 26:70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean."

Mat 26:71 And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Mat 26:72 And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man."

Mat 26:73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you."

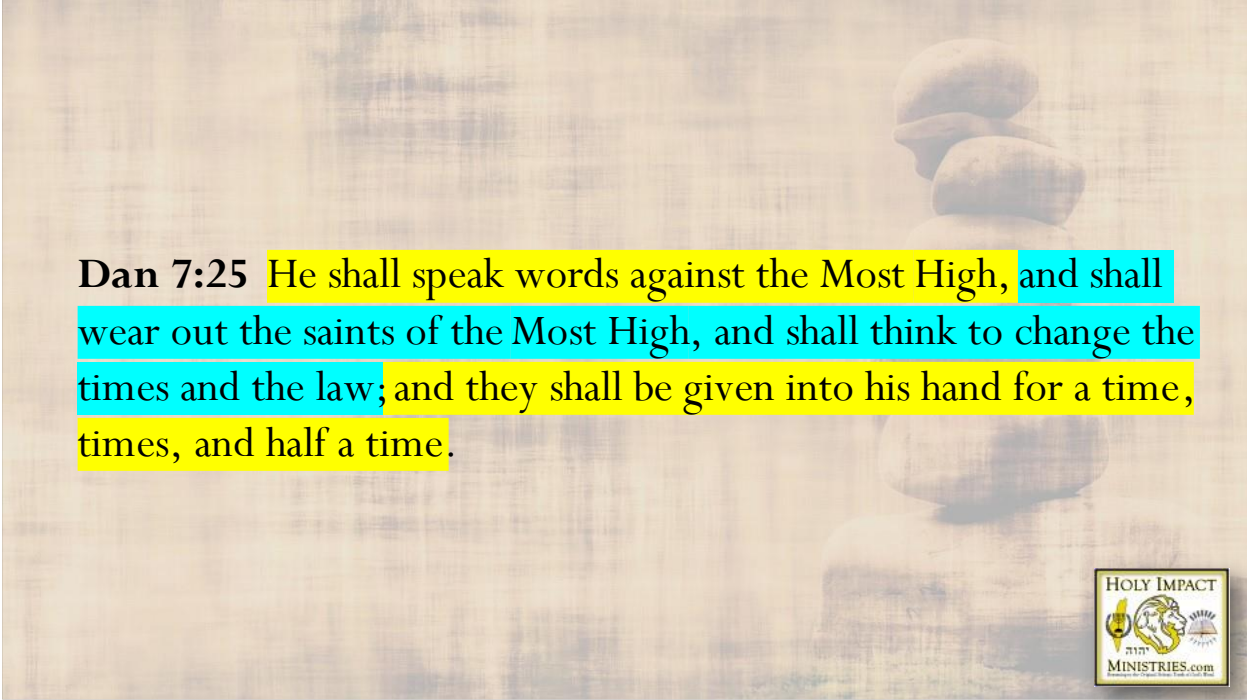
Mat 26:74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed.

Mat 26:75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "**Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.**" And he went out and wept bitterly.

One of the very first things that we see here is that our Messiah is betrayed by Judas with a kiss. And I'd like to stop here for just a moment because the significance of this kiss is striking when we consider those who have long ago betrayed our Messiah with just such a kiss.

Consider for just a moment how the Roman Catholic Church claims to love their beloved Jesus.

Consider for just a moment how the Roman Catholic Church has thought to change the times and the law of God just as Daniel had prophesied thousands of years ago in **Daniel chapter 7 verse 25. (scrn 1)**



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.



Why don't we keep God's calendar anymore today in our time? We don't keep God's calendar anymore today in our time because we're too busy keeping the world's Gregorian calendar that was created by Pope Gregory back in 1582. And this Gregorian calendar was instituted after the Julian calendar that was created by Julius Caesar in 46 BC. And therefore, it was indeed Rome that has thought to change the times and the law of God. And I think it's also important to understand why Pope Gregory felt the need to change the Julian calendar.

I like to read part of this to you from the History Channel: **(Show Website)**

<https://www.history.com/news/6-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-gregorian-calendar#:~:text=In%201582%2C%20when%20Pope%20Gregory,of%200sync%20with%20the%20seasons.>

1. The original goal of the Gregorian calendar was to change the date of Easter.

In 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII introduced his Gregorian calendar, Europe adhered to the Julian calendar, first implemented by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. Since the Roman emperor's system miscalculated the length of the solar year by 11 minutes, the calendar had since fallen out of sync with the seasons. This concerned Gregory because it meant that Easter, traditionally observed on March 21, fell further away from the spring equinox with each passing year.

And so here we are told very clearly that Pope Gregory was concerned that Easter which was traditionally observed on March 21st would fall further away from the spring equinox with each passing year.

And so, what was Pope Gregory concerned with? Was Pope Gregory concerned with the times and the law of God? Or was Pope Gregory concerned with his pagan Easter being celebrated on the spring equinox?

What is Matthew chapter 26 telling us? That Judas came to our Messiah calling him Rabbi of all things which means "master"... and then... delivering the kiss of death.

Do you see the problem here? Because I hope you do. The spirit of Judas is alive and well today in our time and has been since that very first kiss of death was delivered to our Messiah.

And who was it that Daniel said would think to change the times and the law of God by the way? Did he not tell us that it would be the beast that would think to do this? And did he not tell us that the saints would be handed over to this beast for a time, times, and ½ a time? And exactly how long was it that the Roman Catholic Church was murdering millions of true God fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christian during the dark ages? If you don't know that answer to that question, I would like to encourage you to watch our documentary entitled "Revelation's Secret Key". It's free and it is packed with useful

information that you can use as a springboard into your own investigation.

Judas was a man that everyone thought was a friend of our Messiah. Judas even carried the moneybag for the disciples. Judas was so good at disguising himself, that even when our Messiah had told his apostles that someone was going to betray him, the apostles had no idea who it was going to be. In fact, each one of the apostles was afraid that it might be them. Let's go back and reread **Matthew chapter 26 verses 20 through 25 (scrn 2)**

Mat 26:20 When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.

Mat 26:21 And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

Mat 26:22 And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"

Mat 26:23 He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me."

Mat 26:24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

Mat 26:25 Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."



Judas was so good at hiding himself amongst the sheep that he even had the sheep asking themselves if it was them! And so, what we have here is a devil amongst the sheep. **(scrn 3)**

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 So it is no surprise if his servants also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.



What's important to understand is that this devil who had betrayed our Messiah for money was so close to him, that he was able to reach out and kiss him on the cheek. This devil had sat with him and broke bread with him and even called himself an apostle... a disciple of the only begotten Son of God.

All throughout the Bible we are continuously warned about certain people who have crept into the assembly unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and by doing so... deny our only Master and Lord who is Yeshua Hamashiach. They... much like Judas are close enough to us to reach out and kiss us on the cheek. One day they say that they love us, and the next day... they're gone like the wind. They break bread with us, they welcome us, they even pray with us and yet... in the blink of an eye with a kiss on the cheek like the dust of a whirlwind they are gone. And when they go, they often times take with them many who are weak in the faith. But Jude who was the half-brother of our Messiah reminds us that even the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy

darkness until the judgment of the great day. And if this be so concerning his angels, how much more those who he had forgiven and reached out to with open arms and yet... have betrayed him again?

I would submit to you that this betrayal of a kiss has been repeated thousands if not billions of times by those who knew the truth when they first heard it... and yet... just like the seed that was sown on rocky ground... because they had no root... withered away. And so it was for Judas, and so it will be for all who betray our Messiah with a kiss.

And I would also contend that each one of us just like the apostles should be looking at ourselves in the mirror and asking... is it me? Is it I who will betray him? Is it I who will forsake his word? Is it I who who will turn against the assembly? Is it I who will speak platitudes and tender words and yet will betray him for earthly riches and comfort? Is it I who will kiss him on the cheek in the light of day and yet dance with the devil in the pale moonlight?

Our God breathed Scripture commands us to renew our minds daily and to hold fast to what we have until he comes. **(scrn 4)**

Rev 2:25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.

Rev 3:11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Heb 3:14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'



To each one of the seven assemblies of Asia minor our Messiah wrote seven letters telling each one of them in the book of Revelation that only the one who conquers will be allowed to eat of the tree of life. Only the one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death. Only the one who conquers will receive some of the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name written on it. Only the one who conquers and keeps his work until the end will he give authority over the nations. Only those who conquer will he give the Morningstar. Only the one that conquers will be clothed in white garments. Only the one who conquers will never have his name blotted out of the book of life. Only the one who conquers will he make a pillar in the temple of his God. Only the one who conquers will be allowed to sit with him on his throne just as he has set down with his Father on his throne.

The kiss of Judas should be exploding off the pages of our Bibles because I tell you the truth... what happened to Judas can happen to anyone of us if we are not wearing the full armor of God in these last days. And I tell you the truth... what has happened to Judas has already happened to many who don't even know it. (scrn 5)

I Never Knew You

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.’



Can you be a Judas... and not even know it? Who is it that you have been kissing on the cheek? Who's will are you doing? Who is it that you are trying to please? Whose law are you keeping? Who's book are you reading?

I would contend that the most important thing that a modern-day Christian today can do upon waking up in the morning is to look in the mirror and ask themselves these questions. (**scrn 6**)

Rom 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship

Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



There should be no question that Judas had been conformed to this world. Judas traded salvation for money. Judas traded the Savior of the world for the world. Judas traded Yehovah God for his adversary and why? Judas obviously was not renewing his mind daily. And I tell you the truth, the Judas of the Bible has many followers. Even today in our time the spirit of Judas lives on amongst God's people. Judas is still kissing the cheeks of those who he is already betraying. I tell you the truth... the spirit of Judas is alive and well today in our time and we... as the assembly of Yehovah our Elohim must and I repeat must... always be on the lookout for those who have the spirit of Judas so that through the spirit of Yehovah... we may know who they are. (scrn 7)

To The Assembly At Smyrna

Rev 2:8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

Rev 2:9 “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

To The Assembly At Philadelphia

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.



(scrn 8)

Rev 2:1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

Rev 2:2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.



Our Messiah sings the praises of those who test those who say that they are jews and are not and those who say that they are disciples and are not. We are supposed to be testing and aware of the fact that these kinds

of people will be entering into our assemblies.

The betrayal of Judas and the kiss of death that he delivered to our Messiah abounds with warnings. And as grave as these warnings are, most modern-day churches today are not interested in testing those who say that they are Jews and are not or apostles and are not. Most modern-day denominational empires could care less whether or not sin dwells within their own assemblies. And this is exactly why sin grows within their assemblies.

It is written that a little leaven leavens the whole lump. But Christians today are so preprogrammed, so mesmerized, so caught up in turning the grace of God into lasciviousness and a comfortable lifestyle that they have literally betrayed the Son of God by teaching and preaching that they are not to judge one another. Even though the very Bible that they claim to live by commands them to set the wicked person outside of the assembly. Listen closely to how our Messiah tells us that we are to handle people who sin against us. **Matthew chapter 18 verses 15 through 17 (scrn 9)**

Mat 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

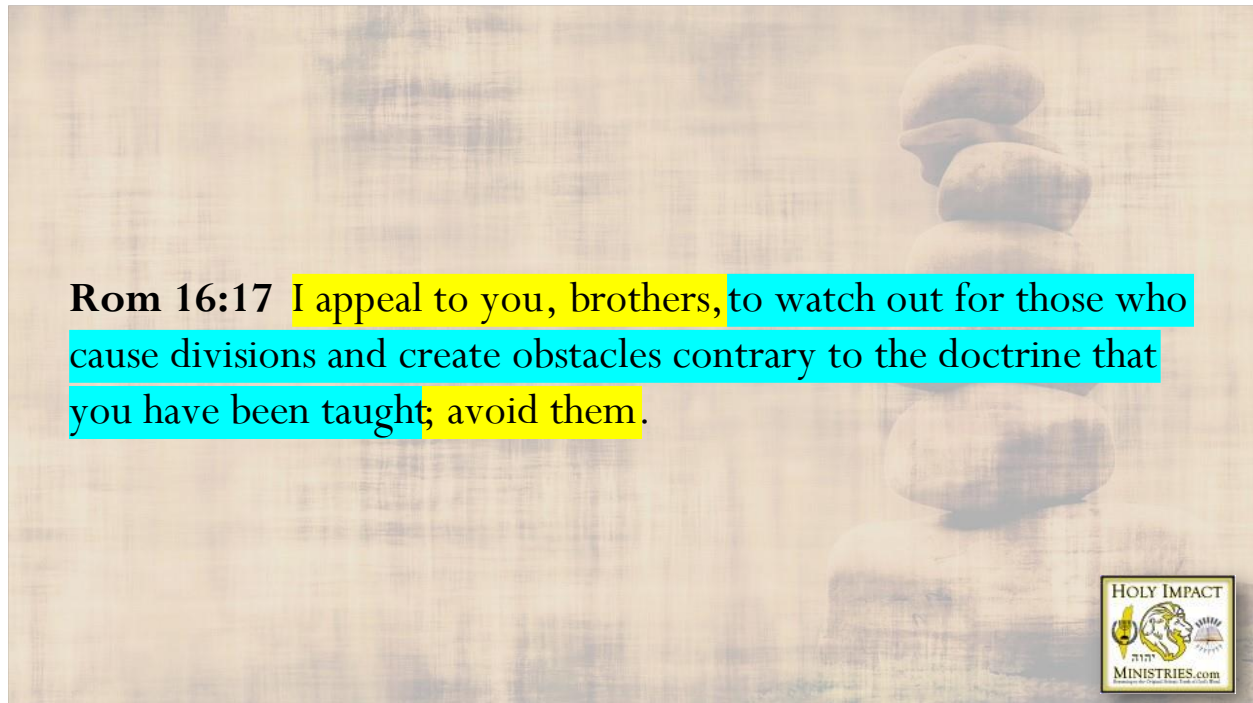
Mat 18:16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Mat 18:17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.



According to our very own Messiah, if a brother sins against us there is a procedure that we are to follow. And if that sinner still does not come to the truth, we are to treat that person as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Romans chapter 16 verse 17 (scrn 10)



(scrn 11)

1Co 5:4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,
1Co 5:5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord
1Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?



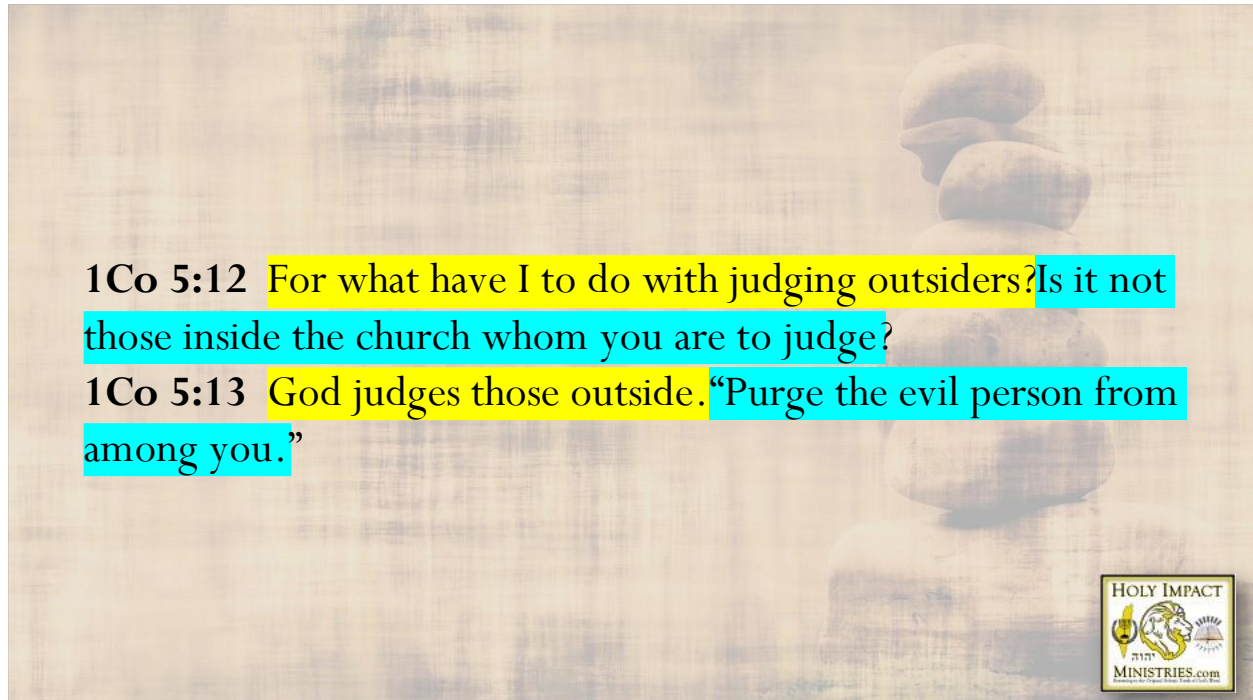
Here at Corinth a man within the assembly has had his father's wife which once again constitutes sexual immorality. And the apostle Paul is furious with the assembly at Corinth because of their mishandling of this sinful transgression within their ranks.

The apostle Paul himself commands that the assembly deliver this man over to Satan for the destruction of his flesh so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord. And the apostle Paul warns the assembly at Corinth when he says and I quote, "do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?"

Once again, when we allow sin to flourish within our assemblies... we ourselves become guilty of sin because we have not protected the assembly from sin which still in fact according to Scripture leads to death.

And I would also submit to you that this is just one of many problems that the denominational church today has concerning sin and transgression. Because they believe that sin and transgression is no

longer a problem for them because the law has all been done away with... even though the apostle Paul right here in the New Testament commands them to purge the evil person from among them because of sin which is the transgression of the law! **(scrn 12)**



According to the Apostle Paul we are to judge the assembly, and we are to purge the evil person from our ranks which is a far cry from what we often times see going on today within the ranks of the so-called... church that loves to play churchianity instead of understanding the biblical definition of the love of God found in first John chapter 5 verse 3.

But... before we get too far concerning this train of thought, it's imperative that we also mention that it is written that anyone who brings a brother back from his sin covers a multitude of sins. **James chapter 5 verses 19 and 20 (scrn 13)**

Jas 5:19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,

Jas 5:20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



And I mention this because I don't want anyone to think that we are to abruptly set anyone outside of the assembly. There are steps that we are commanded to follow and the first thing that we should be concerned with is the salvation of that brother or sister if they have wandered away from the truth.

Setting a person outside of the assembly only comes when they refuse to talk to you concerning their sin, or if they reject the truth that you are calling them back to. In other words... setting someone outside of the assembly is indeed a last resort and not a first option. However, there is from time to time a need to purge the evil person from among our ranks. A little leaven indeed does leaven the whole lump. And therefore, if there be among us a betrayer of the faith, let that person be dealt with accordingly and let the good of the assembly be weighed and protected.

Today in our time we have no temple on earth, we have no high priest on earth to turn to, and we no longer have the judicial system that has been laid out by our Father in heaven. And therefore, the assembly is now responsible for judging itself and keeping itself in a clean state with its

lamps trimmed and full of oil.

Keeping all of this in mind, the sin committed by Judas was even far and above the sin committed in Corinth by the man who had his father's wife. Both sins were egregious without question, but the absolute and utter betrayal of the only begotten, anointed, Son of Yehovah God with a kiss nonetheless... was so egregious and such an abomination to Yehovah our Father in heaven that this sin was indeed unforgivable and just as our Messiah has already told us and I quote, "Woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

Is there such a thing as an unforgivable sin? You better believe that there is and it's important that we know that there is an unforgivable sin. And this is exactly why we have this example in the Bible to show us what that unforgivable sin is and it's important that we keep ourselves and our children and our children's children far away from it.

Keeping that in mind, we will dive into that topic and many more next seventh day Sabbath at 11 AM Eastern standard Time as we continue our study into the 26th chapter of the book of Matthew, the politics of evil men who murdered an innocent man, and the importance of being involved in politics ourselves so that these kinds of things can't happen again.

But until that time, I will do as I always do and I will ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. 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 on his door alone so that the proper door can 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 the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.