



Matthew Chapter 27h

The Tombs Were Opened And The Dead Raised!

Once again, I'd like to start this morning by saying thank you to everyone out there who has decided to share their time with us here this morning on our Father's seventh day Sabbath the only Sabbath by the way that is ever commanded by anyone anywhere in the Bible.

I am extremely pleased that you are with me here this morning because we are going to be discussing a very important topic in the Bible that has to do with the death, burial, and the resurrection of our Messiah and the historical events that took place during this particular time.

When we sit down and when we read the Bible for ourselves, we find a virtual plethora of information that is very rarely shared from today's modern-day denominational pulpits. We find bits and pieces of information rarely spoken of by pastors and priests and rabbis and popes today in our time. And often times we are stunned by how much that the church today is not telling God's people concerning the truth that is... our God breathed Scripture.

This morning we're going to be taking a look at just such a Scripture. A Scripture that causes many people to scoff and others to rejoice. A Scripture that has been met with much conjecture and confusion and speculation. And were going to lift this Scripture up and make note of it here this morning so that we can know exactly what it does say and just as importantly what it does not say.

You know, not very long ago, in fact just a couple of weeks ago I saw a kindly old man in a YouTube video attempting to proclaim that the pre-tribulation rescue just had to be true and that he had solid evidence and proof that the pre-tribulation rescue did indeed have legs to stand on according to the Scripture.

I myself knowing that there absolutely is no scriptural proof to support a pre-tribulation rescue decided to lend an ear just to make sure that there wasn't something that I myself was missing for it is written that if a man makes a decision about something without hearing it this is a shame for him. And therefore, I decided to take the time to sit down and to listen to what this kindly old man had to say concerning the scriptural proof that he was proclaiming.

After us several minutes of platitudes the truth of the matter seemed to unfold rather quickly. The Scripture that this kindly old man was pointing to was found in the book of Revelation and had to do with the 24 elders that were serving Yehovah God at his altar. **(scrn 1) show only**

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Rev 11:16 And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God,

Rev 11:17 saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

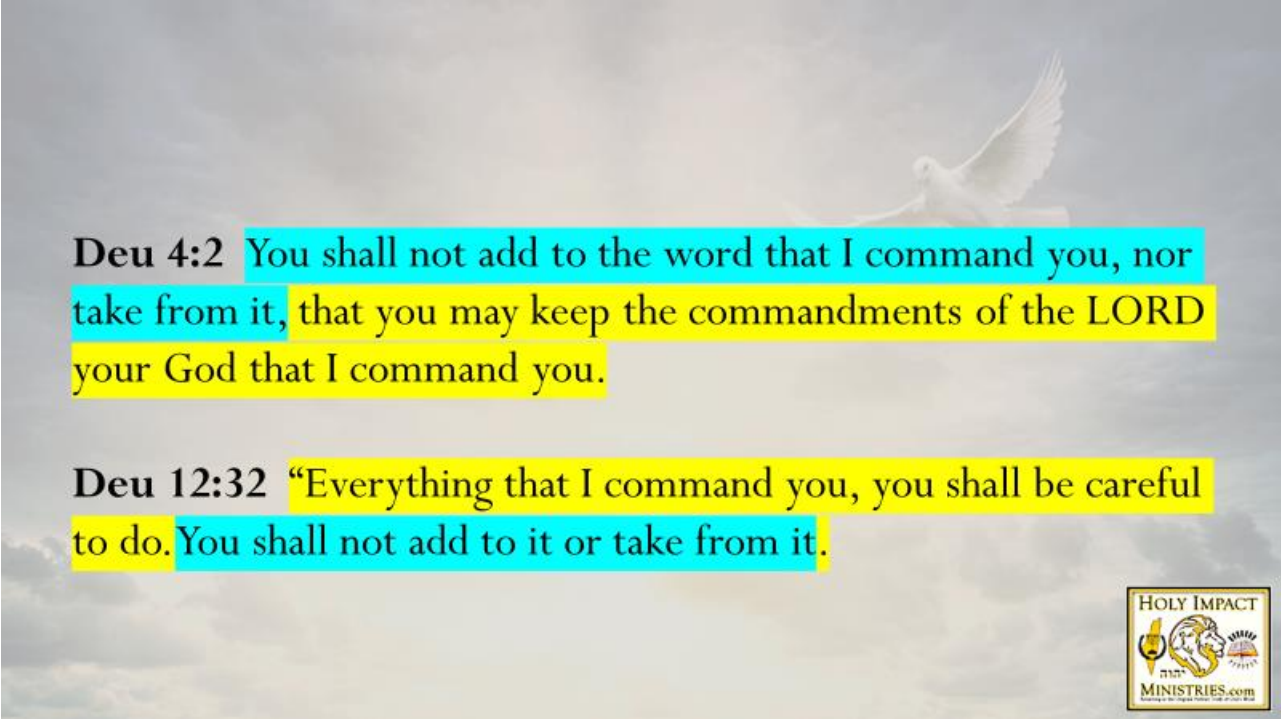
Rev 19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"



The 24 elders of the book of Revelation are written about all throughout the book of Revelation. And according to the book of Revelation these 24 elders were always around the throne of Yehovah God. And this gentleman's contention was that the pre-tribulation rescue had to have happened in order for God to have 24 elders surrounding his throne. And this was supposed to be the Scripture that proved beyond the shadow of a doubt... that a pre-tribulation rescue was true and was going to happen according to Scripture... even though... once again... that's not what the Scripture says.

Once again, upon hearing this rather futile effort that was being used to propagate another false Roman Catholic doctrine... I simply had to turn the video off and shake my head in disgust.

You see, those who do not read the Bible for themselves will always be caught up within the hermeneutical philosophy of men and their philosophically driven denominational dogmas and theories and exegeses that are habitually known for adding to God's word and taking away from God's word which according to God's word... is a sin. (scrn 2)



Deu 4:2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

Deu 12:32 “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.”



The idea that there must be a pre-tribulation rescue in order for God to have 24 elders surrounding his throne is simply nothing more than conjecture mixed with heresy. I suppose this kindly old gentleman had never heard of the Transfiguration. Let's take the time this morning to turn to **Matthew chapter 17 verses one through 13 E1**

The Transfiguration

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

Mat 17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

Mat 17:3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Mat 17:4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

Mat 17:5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Mat 17:6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

Mat 17:7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

Mat 17:8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Mat 17:9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

Mat 17:10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"

Mat 17:11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things.

Mat 17:12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."

Mat 17:13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

And so, right here in Matthew chapter 17 we are told that Peter and James and John his brother all saw our Messiah standing with Moses and Elijah who had to have been... resurrected. But how could this be unless there had already been a pre-tribulation rescue? How could Moses and Elijah possibly be standing there alive talking to our Messiah without a pre-tribulation rescue event?

Do you see how absolutely nonsensical and ridiculous not to mention evil and demonic that this newfound pre-tribulation rescue truly is? Was there a pre-tribulation rescue that had already happened before the Transfiguration that was witnessed by Peter and James and John his brother? According to this kindly old man, the pre-tribulation rescue had to have already taken place in order for Moses and Elijah to be out of their graves! But there's more...

I would like us to now turn to **Matthew chapter 27 and I would like us to read down through verses 52 through 56 E2**

Mat 27:52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,

Mat 27:53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Mat 27:54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Mat 27:55 There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him,

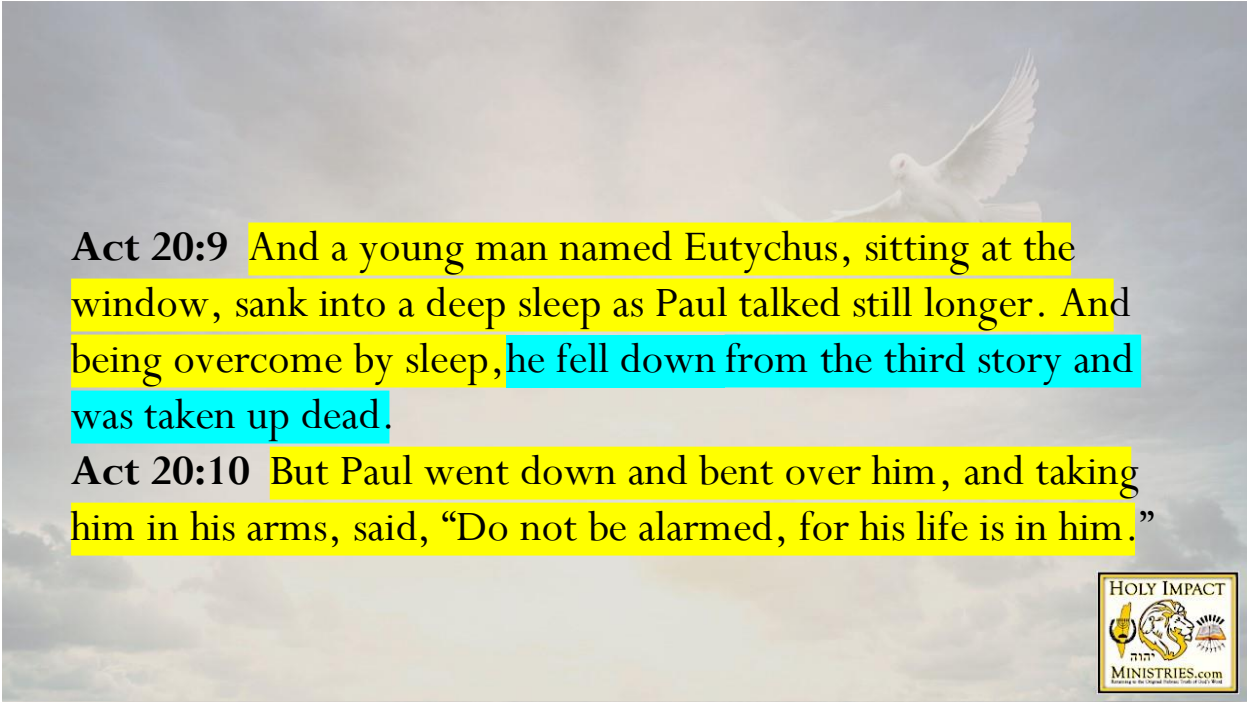
Mat 27:56 among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

What we are reading about here in Matthew chapter 27 must clearly be the pre-tribulation rescue! How could these people be out of their graves without a pre-tribulation rescue?! How could this possibly happen without a pre-tribulation rescue coming to fruition?

You see how absolutely foolish and ridiculous this assumption truly is? Do these men who propagate such nonsense truly believe that our Father in heaven is restricted by their man-made pre-tribulation rescue doctrine? Do these men who propagate such nonsense truly believe that God himself cannot break their man-made hermeneutical philosophical dogmas?

Can God not have 24 elders surrounding his throne without first having a pre-tribulation rescue according to men and the traditions of men? Let me ask you this... who is the creator and who is the created?

Do you see the vanity filled and vain deceit of these men who teach and preach such a demonically driven doctrine of demons? And what about Lazarus? What about his death and resurrection? The apostle John tells us in John chapter 11 that Lazarus died and Yeshua brought him back from his grave. I suppose Yeshua was not allowed to do this either according to man's pre-tribulation rescue doctrine. **(scrn 3) show only**



Act 20:9 And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

Act 20:10 But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him."



And what about the young man Eutychus... who fell out of the window to his death during Pentecost? Did Paul not take the boy in his arms and bring him back to life according to Scripture? And is this not exactly what Elijah did in **first Kings chapter 17 verses 17 through 24? E3**

Elijah Raises the Widow's Son

1Ki 17:17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

1Ki 17:18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!"

1Ki 17:19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.

1Ki 17:20 And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?"

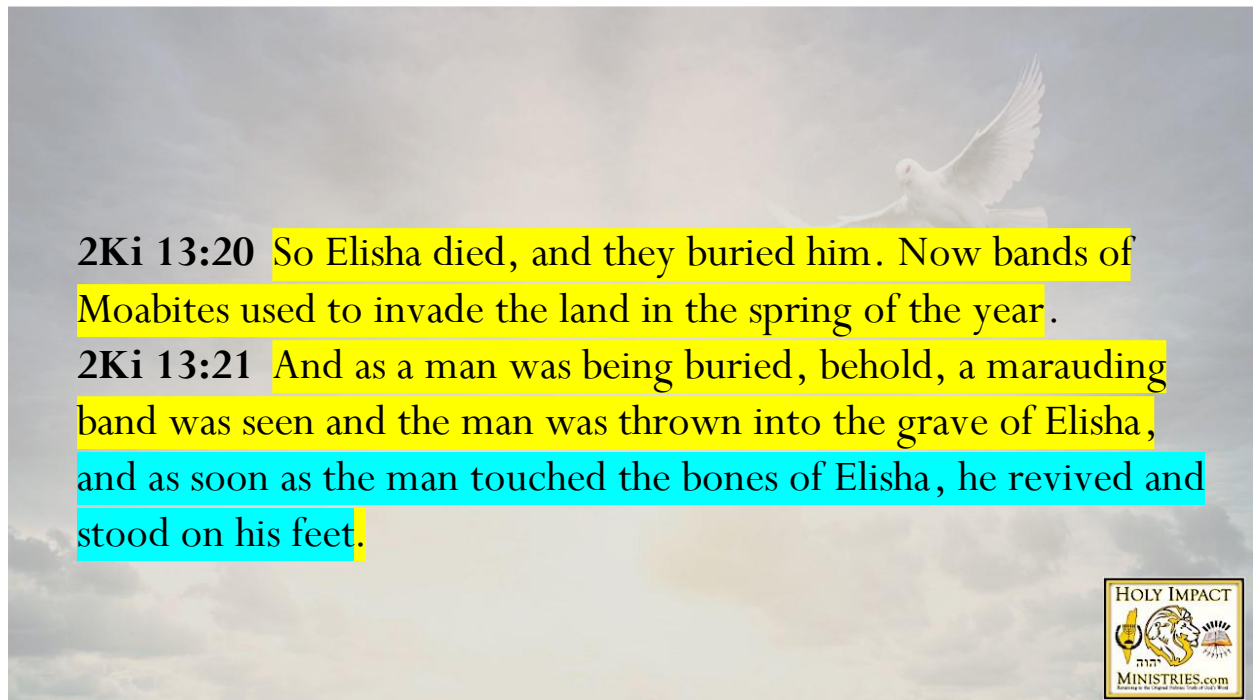
1Ki 17:21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again."

1Ki 17:22 And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.

1Ki 17:23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

1Ki 17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

I suppose that Elijah could not have done this and God had no right giving this boy his life back because he was breaking the pre-tribulation rescue doctrine of man? **(scrn 4) show only**



And what about the man who was dead and was thrown into the grave of Elisha and then lived and was brought back from his death after touching Elisha's bones? Did God have no right to do this because he was breaking the pre-tribulation rescue doctrine of men? And I suppose that this kindly old man had never read **Luke chapter 8 verses 49 through 56? E4**

Luk 8:49 While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more."

Luk 8:50 But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."

Luk 8:51 And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child.

Luk 8:52 And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping."

Luk 8:53 And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

Luk 8:54 But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise."

Luk 8:55 And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat.

Luk 8:56 And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

How dare God break the pre-tribulation rescue commandment of men by raising people from the grave without following the doctrines of men!

And I suppose that this kindly old man had never read about Tabatha in **Acts chapter 9 verse 36 through 43 E5**

Dorcas Restored to Life

Act 9:36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.

Act 9:37 In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

Act 9:38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay."

Act 9:39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them.

Act 9:40 But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Act 9:41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

Act 9:42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

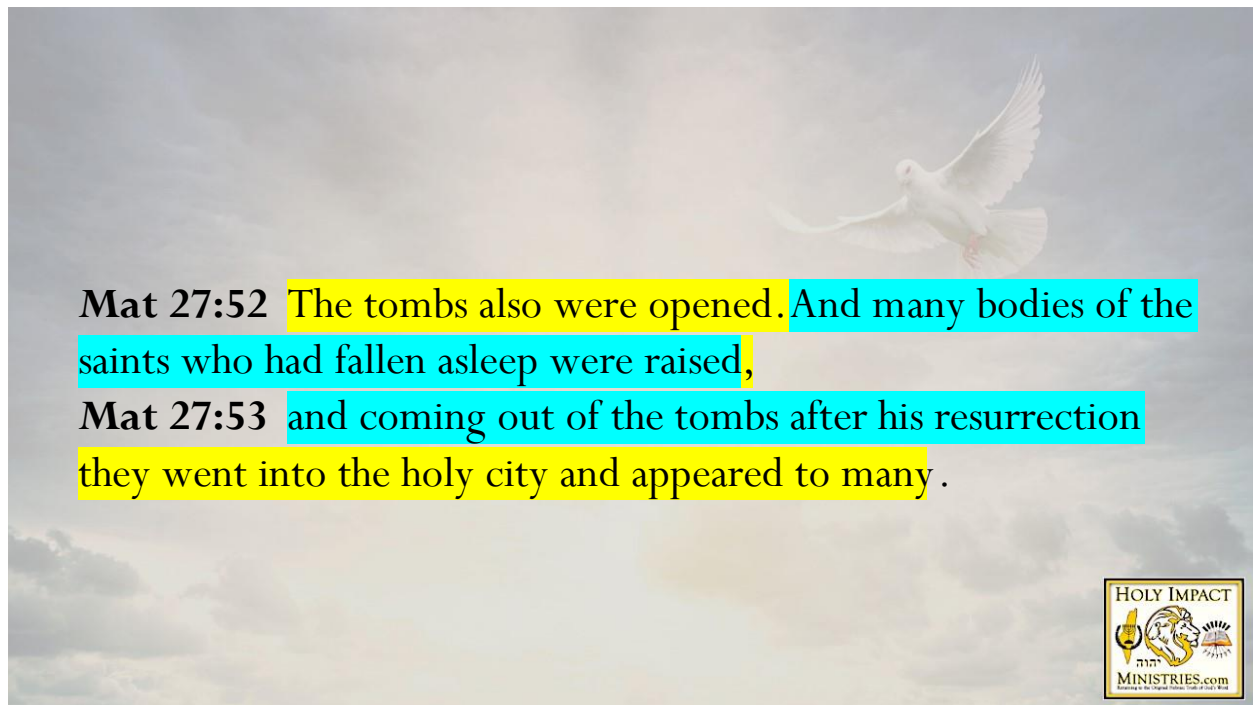
Act 9:43 And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

So here we have in the Bible all of these people who had died but were

brought back to life in order to glorify the name of Yehovah God. But according to these pre-tribulation rescue rebels... God has no right to do this before bringing about their... man made pretribulation rescue.

Do you see how vanity filled and how demonically endowed this pre-tribulation rescue rubbish actually is? Do you see how it is that man is usurping the authority of God himself by adding to God's word and taking away from God's word? Do you see why God commands us as his people not to add to his word or to take away from his word?

Let me ask you this my friends... who is the potter and who is the clay according to Scripture? Who is God and who is not God according to Scripture? Does God have authority over men or does man have authority over God? **(scrn 5) show only**



According to the apostle Matthew the tombs of many were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And Matthew even tells us that these resurrected saints went into the holy city and appeared to many!

The first thing that I would like for us to think about is why Yehovah God would make this happen in the first place. Why would Yehovah God open the tombs of many people and resurrect these people and have them go into the city? The answer to that question should be evident.

The death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah took place in order that we might have everlasting life. The resurrection of our Messiah pointed directly to the resurrection of every single solitary one of us who walk as he walked and strive to do as he did. The resurrection of these people would have been solid proof to everyone that Yehovah God does indeed have the power to resurrect the dead and to give them everlasting life just as Yeshua had promised.

Could it possibly be that these people that were raised from the dead are indeed the 24 elders that are sitting around God's throne in the book of Revelation? I would contend that it is not only possible... but even probable. But what we cannot say... and please listen closely... what we cannot say is that this we know this for a fact. Why? Because we are simply not told anywhere within the confines of our God breathed Scripture who these 24 elders actually are in the book of Revelation. But we are given clues as to who they are. **E6 show only:**

1Ch 24:4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar *there were sixteen chief men* of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

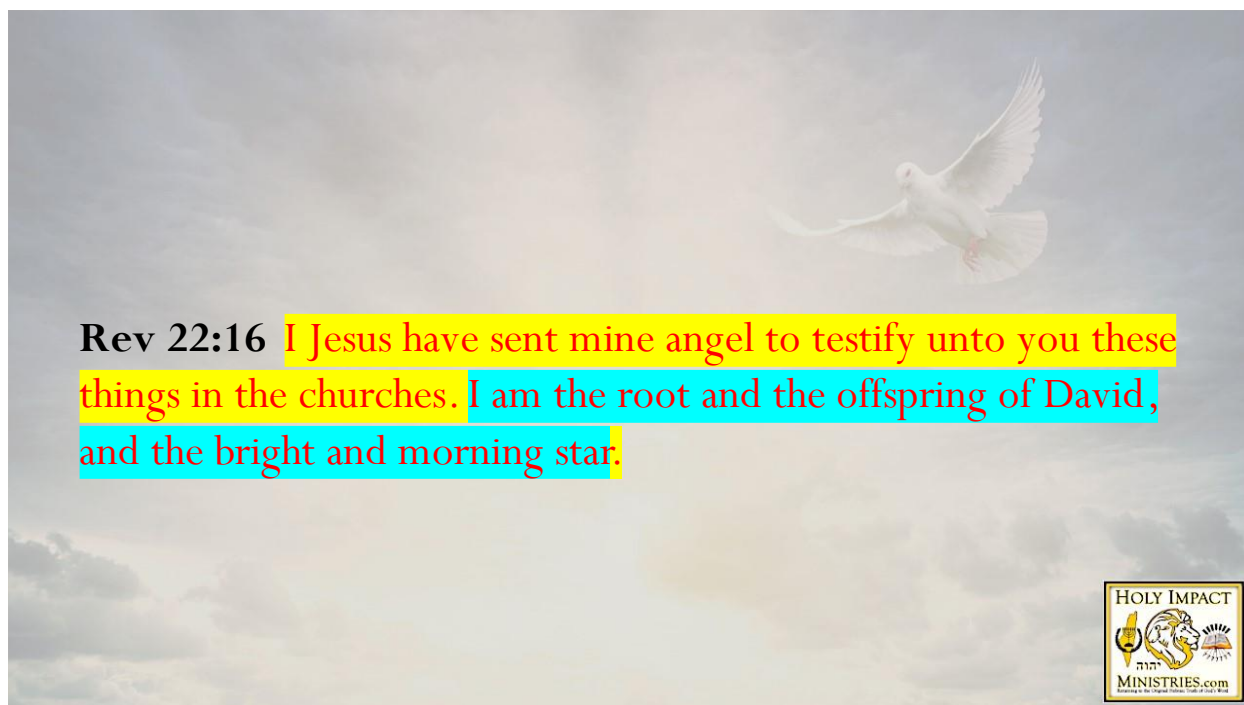
1Ch 24:5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors *of the house* of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

According to first Chronicles chapter 24 David organized the priests who were the sons of Aaron who would be governors of the sanctuary and governors of the house of God. 18 of the men were the sons of Eleazar, and eight of the men were the sons of Ithamar equaling 24 elders of the house of Yehovah God. This would make 24 men who

would clearly have been the elders of the house of God selected personally by David who is the human Father of our Messiah according to 2nd Samuel chapter 7 verse 12. Could it have been these 24 men that were personally chosen by David... that were raised at the resurrection of our Messiah in order to set around the throne of Yehovah God himself as part of the first fruit of the new harvest? Or was God not allowed to do this because this directly refutes mans pretribulation rescue doctrine? You decide.

And so... are these the 24 elders of God that we see in the book of Revelation? Of this we can only speculate because we have no definitive answers to who the 24 elders in the book of Revelation actually are. In first Chronicles chapter 25 we should also make note of the fact that the musicians were also divided into 24 sections and that they were also responsible for worship within the house of Yehovah. And so once again... there are many possibilities concerning who these 24 elders are. But no matter who these 24 elders are, none of them and I repeat none of them point to a pre-tribulation rescue. None of them are contingent upon a man-made pre-tribulation rescue rebellion. And I would also submit to you that none of them ever spoke of... a pre-tribulation rescue.

My hope and my prayer is that this study today will bring light to those who have been sitting in darkness for many, many years. My hope and my prayer is that this study today will help to pull Yehovah God's people out of the darkness of these modern day denominational church pews and into the glorious light of the truth that is the spoken word of Yehovah God that his only begotten Son Yeshua became in the flesh.
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A couple of things that we need to make note of concerning these people that were raised from the tombs and then went out into the city to show themselves is that this event is only noted within the confines of the book of Matthew. We will not find this event within the writings of the other apostles. **E2 show only**

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Mat 27:53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Mat 27:54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Mat 27:55 There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him,

Mat 27:56 among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

However... I also want us to make note of the fact that Matthew tells us that when the centurion and those who were with him keeping watch over Yeshua saw the earthquake and what had taken place... they as

witnesses to this event were filled with awe and said and I quote, “truly this was the son of God!”

And Matthew goes on to tell us that there were also many women there looking on from a distance who had followed Yeshua from Galilee that were ministering to him who were also witnesses to these things. And among those women were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph the mother of the sons of Zebedee. And therefore, there would have been plenty of witnesses to see this event taking place. And according to Matthew it was this very event that caused the centurion to believe in who Yeshua truly was. And therefore, this was no small event nor was it a small matter. **E7 show only**

The Death of Jesus

Luk 23:44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,

Luk 23:45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Luk 23:46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

Luk 23:47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!”

Luk 23:48 And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

Luk 23:49 And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Luke also makes mention of this centurion and the women that were with him watching over Yeshua in Luke chapter 23 verses 47 through 49. And although Luke makes no mention about the saints raising from their tombs Luke does make mention of the fact that when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God saying, “certainly this man was innocent”.

Keeping these things in mind... we would be in great error not to connect the tearing of the curtain of the temple in two with the

resurrection of the dead who went into the city. These are two events were also two witnesses that clearly testified once again that Yeshua was indeed the descendent of David and the only begotten Son of God.

The tearing of the curtain of the temple once again signified what our Messiah's death had brought to those who believe in him. The sanctuary was no longer cut off from the holy of holies. There was no longer a veil between man and God. We as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians can now come before our Father in heaven through this new mediator that he has given us in our Messiah Yeshua who is indeed likened unto Moses just as we were told back in Deuteronomy chapter 18.

And it is because the veil between man and God has been torn in two and because our Passover lamb has indeed paid the debt for our transgressions... that we can return to Yehovah God our Creator and finally be his people so that he can finally be... our Elohim.

The tearing of the curtain between the sanctuary and the holy of holies is just as symbolic as the raising of the dead from the tombs. Being able to come before our Father in heaven is what gives us everlasting life and the promise of a resurrection for each and every one of us. These two events certainly do go hand-in-hand. And just as we have seen all throughout the Bible, our Father in heaven is more than capable of resurrecting the dead thereby bringing in a whole new harvest of sons and daughters that will stand as a remnant of mankind and a testimony to the fact that what Yehovah God has created he has indeed created perfectly and without flaw.

We must remember that we human beings were created by the hand of a perfect Potter, a perfect creator. We indeed are the products of one who is without question... perfect. And therefore, there should be no doubt in our minds that we have been perfectly made. **Psalms chapter 139 verses 13 through 16 (scrn 7)**

Psa 139:13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb

Psa 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psa 139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Psa 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance, in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.



You see, it was man himself who fell in the garden of Eden because of his own decision to bow the knee to the creature rather than the creator. And to this very day man continues to bow his knee to the creature rather than the creator. And I tell you the truth... there are men still to this very day that are stealing from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in order to gorge themselves upon what they think is an apple of knowledge.

To this very day man continues to steal from Yehovah God. Man continues to alter the food that we have been given, the water that we drink, and even the air that we breathe. All of it has been used and abused by those who think in their small minds that they themselves are God just as the serpent promised Eve that she would become if she would only steal from Yehovah God and eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Today man is diligently gorging himself on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Today man is feverishly working to clone himself and to give himself the ability to live forever and to be his own god. Today

many men have willfully and intentionally made themselves adversaries of Yehovah God because of what they believe in their heads and what they do with their hands. For them... the mark of the beast has already been taken and is proudly being used to boast about the authority and the wisdom of man himself which is exactly why the devil himself was thrown out of heaven in the first place.

Today in our time it's not hard or difficult to see who the children of the devil truly are. The wheat certainly is growing up amongst the tares. And this is exactly why we must repent and turn back to the spoken word of Yehovah God that we hold in our very hands and turn away from the despotic and sinful teachings of men who love to dress themselves up like Angels of light... wolves in sheep's clothing that have been sent into the flock to fool, if possible, even the very elect.

The time is short, and the harvest is great, but the workers are few.

As we walk through these God breathed Scriptures and these God breathed Scriptures shine the light on the dark deep-seated evil doctrines of men who love to add to God's word and to take away from God's word... we must do as our Messiah did and point to them as children of the devil so that all will know and understand the dangers of following the wisdom of men and not the wisdom of Yehvoah God. **E8 show only:**

Seven Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

Mat 23:2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat,

Mat 23:3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.

Mat 23:4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.

Mat 23:5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,

Mat 23:6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues

Mat 23:7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.

Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Mat 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.

Mat 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

Mat 23:16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'

Mat 23:17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?

Mat 23:18 And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.'

Mat 23:19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

Mat 23:20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.

Mat 23:21 And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it.

Mat 23:22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Mat 23:24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:26 **You blind Pharisee!** First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Mat 23:27 **“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.**

Mat 23:28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Mat 23:29 **“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

Mat 23:30 saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’

Mat 23:31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are **sons of those who murdered the prophets.**

Mat 23:32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.

Mat 23:33 **You serpents, you brood of vipers,** how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Mat 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Lament over Jerusalem

Mat 23:37 **“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!**

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

In the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew we hear our Messiah telling his people to do and observe what the scribes and the Pharisees tell them to do while they are seated on the seat of Moses. But only while they are seated on the seat of Moses. Because while they were seated on the seat of Moses they were reading from the Torah, the first five books of the Bible which is the spoken word of Yehovah God also known as his law.

In Matthew chapter 23 verses one through three our Messiah commands his people to do and to observe the Torah which is the law of God which is the spoken word of God that he became in the flesh.

But in Matthew chapter 23 verse three our Messiah warns his people not to do as the scribes and the Pharisees do because they don't practice what they preach. In other words, we are to hear and obey the law of Yehovah God, but we are not to follow after what men do and what men say unless they are reading directly from our God breathed Scripture without adding to or taking away from it. This has always been the commandment of our Messiah who is the descendent of David the Son of Abraham.

And our Messiah tells us in verse eight not to be called rabbi which means master for we have one master, and we are all brothers. And in verse nine he tells us to call no man on earth our spiritual father like the Catholics do because we only have one spiritual Father who is in heaven. And once again in verse 10 he tells us not to be called masters... and that word in the Greek is "kathetes" ... and it is contextually referring to a master not a teacher.

In verse 13 our Messiah blatantly calls the scribes and the Pharisees hypocrites. In verse 15 he calls them children of hell. In verse 16 he calls them blind guides, in verse 17 he calls them blind fools, in verse 19 he calls them blind men, in verse 27 he calls them whitewashed tombs beautiful on the outside but full of dead men's bones on the inside and all uncleanness. And in verse 28... he calls the lawless.

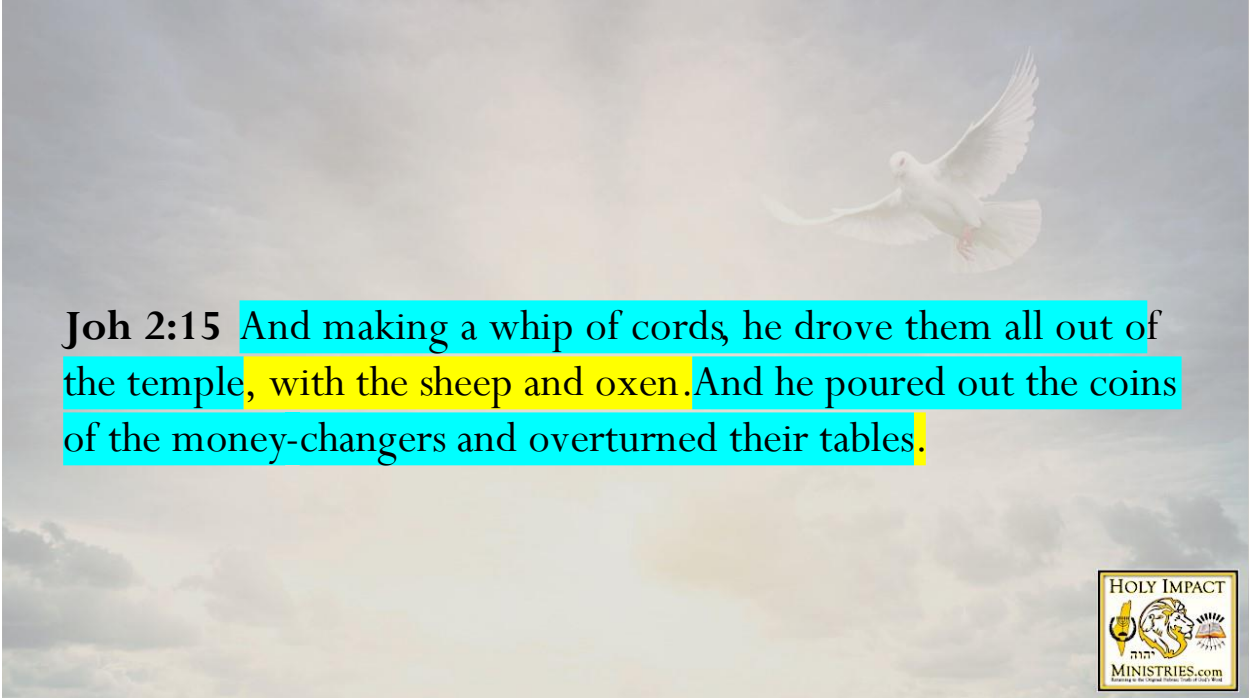
And in verse 33 he calls them serpents and a brood of vipers who cannot escape from being sentenced to hell.

Was our Messiah a pacifist? Was our Messiah soft spoken? Do you suppose that our Messiah whispered these things or do you suppose he boldly spoke these things publicly and this is exactly why they wanted to

kill him? (scrn 8)



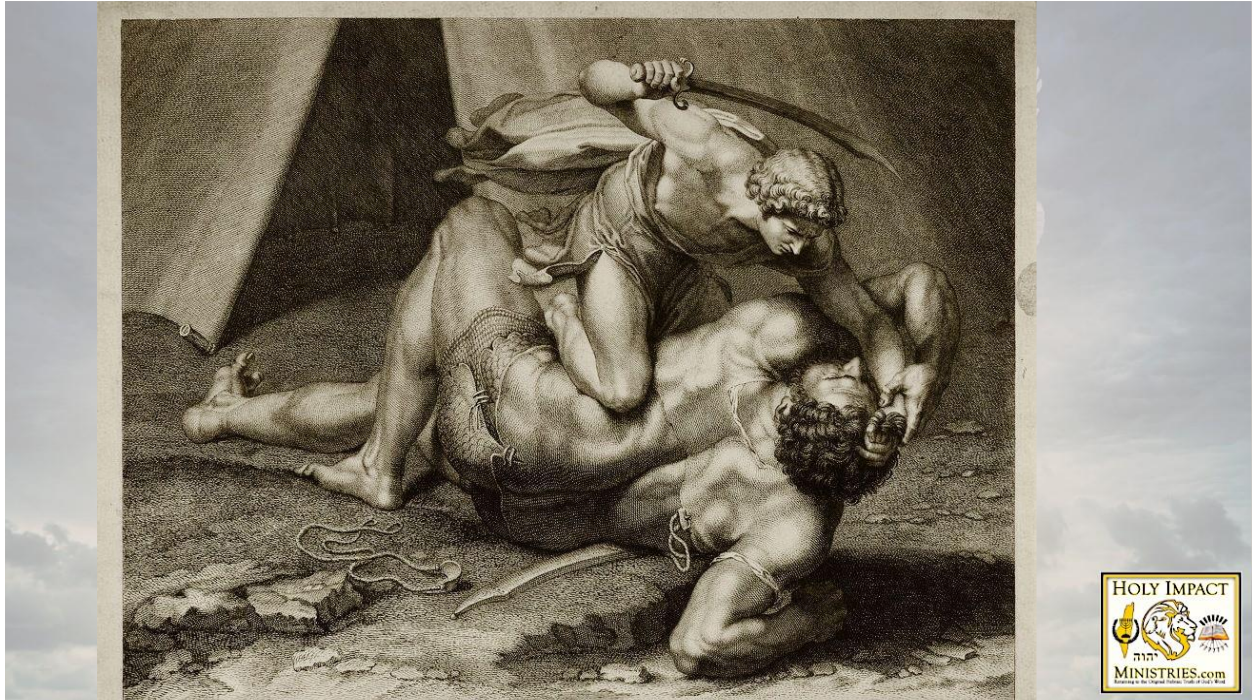
You see the lily-white long-haired pacifist depicted in Roman Catholic paintings is nothing more than another sinful deception. (scrn 9) **show only**



Joh 2:15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.



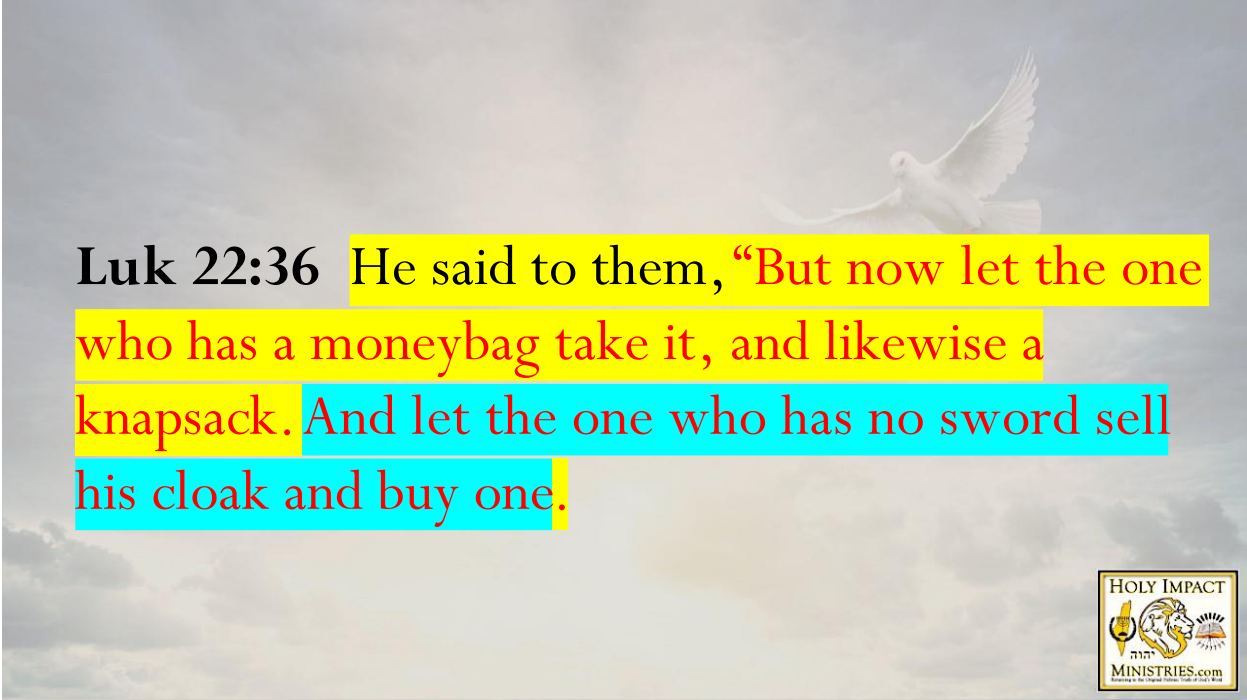
The apostle John tells us that our Messiah made a whip out of some cords that he had found, and that he went into his Father's temple cracking that whip and chasing those men out of his Father's house pouring out the coins of the money changers onto the ground and overturning their tables. Does this sound like a pacifist to you? Does this sound like someone who was soft spoken and lily livered? (**scrn 10**)



Or does this sound to you like a man among men who just like David his father who slew Goliath and cut off his head was indeed a man among men.

I tell you the truth... our Messiah had more grit and more gravel than John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, or Yul Brenner, or Charles Bronson, or Dwayne Johnson the rock ever even dreamt of having!

Our Messiah was indeed a man among men who stood for what is right and called out a lie for being a lie and the truth for being the truth. He made no distinction between men and their authority or their wisdom or their social status. **(scrn 11) show only**



Luk 22:36 He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.



When our Messiah knew that he was going to leave his apostles he told them to let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy a sword. He knew that they would have to fight in order to protect themselves. He knew that they would be targets of the devil and his children. He knew that the fight had only just begun. **(scrn 12)**



Today the world sees their Jesus as a long-haired lily-white effeminate shadow of a man. They see their Jesus as someone who has become their best buddy and winks in the eye of sin and transgression and has done away with the laws of Yehovah God his Father in order to usurp the authority and the power and the majesty and the glory of his Father. But I tell you the truth... this very description better suits the son of the devil the antichrist to come more so than it fits the King of Kings who is Yeshua.

The Jesus that is taught today in no way resembles Yeshua who was, is, and always will be the descendent of David and the only begotten Son of Yehovah God Son of Abraham. The fake Jesus and the true Yeshua are completely opposite one from another. The world has literally created for itself its own god that has been primarily propagated by Roman Catholicism and her popish earthly god who is indeed a lawless man who loves to oppose and exalt himself against every so-called god or object of worship so that he takes his seat in the hearts of God's people proclaiming himself to be God. And the world bows down along with today's modern day protestant churches who no longer protest against

anything and have indeed become the daughters of Catholicism and her Roman god on earth and her catholic religion.

We were told in second Thessalonians chapter 2 that the mystery of lawlessness was already at work. And we were warned that the coming of the lawless one would indeed be by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing because they refuse to love the truth and so be saved. And therefore, God sends them a strong delusion so that they may believe what is false in order that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth... but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

And so, what have we learned here today?

We have learned that according to Scripture Yehovah God is God and that man is not. We have learned here today that according to Scripture our Messiah was not some long-haired lily-livered pacifist who tiptoed everywhere he went and whispered everything that he spoke.

We have learned that the beating and the scourging and the humiliation and the crucifixion that our Messiah endured had everything to do with being resurrected. The resurrection in of itself is the very reason why our Messiah came. The resurrection in of itself is the very reason that our Messiah took the beating that he took and the scourging that he took and the humiliation that he took in order that we might also be resurrected with him and so that each man may sit under his own fig tree on that glorious day.

Do not let them lie to you, my friends. Do not let them lie to your children and do not let them lie to your children's children and your posterity. Do not bow the knee to the wisdom of men and to the doctrines of men and to the things that they have added to God's word and taken away from God's word.

We have learned here this morning this very day how important it is for

each and every one of us to read the word of Yehovah God for ourselves so that we may know how to test the fruit of the man that is standing behind the pulpit in order to see whether his fruit be good or rotten.

We have learned here this morning that there are many doctrines of men that are indeed nothing more than doctrines of demons that have been planted as a snare and propagated in order to lead astray if possible, even the very elect and that the mystery of lawlessness has indeed been at work for many, many generations. And this is exactly why today in our time we see good being called evil and evil being called good.

This is exactly why today in our time the world is so upside down concerning what is right and what is wrong. Yehovah God has sent them a strong delusion so that they may believe what is false in order that they may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

You have seen our children being attacked in our schools. You have seen their parents being targeted by government agencies as terrorists. You have seen the power that the wicked one... the Prince of the air... the little g god of this world has wielded in order to force an unclean witch's brew into the veins of God's people against their will. You have seen the institution of marriage set forth by Yehovah God torn to pieces by ungodly and lawless men. You have seen the theft of our elections and the silencing of those who know the truth. You have seen the mutilation of our children because of the sexual immorality of the lost who we now call teachers. You have seen the rise of true racism and those who believe that they are entitled because of the color of the shirt that they wear.

You have seen the desecration of our food sources and the taxing to death of our ranchers and farmers and the pollution of fluoride and chemicals in our drinking water, and the GMO's we call food and the barium and the aluminum that is being pumped into the air that we breathe.

You have seen the sale of weapons of war make rich countries richer and poor countries poorer. You have seen the signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.

How much more do we need to see? How much more do we need to experience? How long will we continue to allow our children to be attacked in our schools? How long will we be set sinfully silent and apathetically apoplectic all the while hiding under our beds making up excuses as to why we will not get into the fight.

Know this... our Messiah did not come to be silent. Our Messiah did not come to bow down to fear. Our Messiah did not come to be apathetic. And he certainly did not come to be our example as someone who trades good for evil and evil for good. Our Messiah did not come to whisper the gospel message that he had been sent to deliver. And our Messiah was certainly not against picking up a whip or a sword when need be.

What have we learned here today?

If we have learned nothing else let it be known that it is written that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us for this is indeed the whole duty of man.

We are to love what he loves, and we are to hate what he hates for we are indeed his children that were indeed created in his image and by his hand. But let there be no mistake about it... the resurrection of the dead written about in the book of Matthew is just a small glimpse of what is yet to come. For I tell you the truth... in that day a multitude will be raised from the dead at the command of the voice of our Messiah. And we who are alive and remain will indeed be caught up with him in the air in order to rule and to reign with him for a thousand years from Jerusalem.

And he will indeed smash these nations like clay pots. And the wisdom

of men will be done away with along with the children of the devil who have made the wisdom of those men... their gods.

My hope and my prayer is that each and every single solitary person within the sound of my voice has learned something here this morning. My hope and my prayer is that the words that we have read from these God breathed Scriptures has lit a fire within our very souls. My hope and my prayer is that each one of us understands how important it is not to fear what man can do to the body but what God can do to both body and soul by casting them into the pit. My hope and my prayer is that we all understand the importance of the resurrection and what the death, the burial, and the resurrection of our Messiah truly means to not just us but to our children and our children's children as well.

And with that being said... my hope and my prayer is that you will also take what you have heard here this morning 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 this morning be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened unto 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.