Commentary — From the Margins *Circumcision & the Synagogue of Satan*

The entire course of the history of Israel and Judah is pervaded by blasphemy of God's word, by persecution, derision, and murder of the prophets. Judging them by history, these people must be called wanton murderers of the prophets and enemies of God's word. Whoever reads the Bible cannot draw any other conclusion.

> Martin Luther (On *The Jews and Their Lies*. Trans. Martin H. Bertram.)

Nor can anyone who reads the Bible draw any other conclusion than that the Christian Church, judging it by history, is a wanton murderer and an enemy of God's Word; that the Christian Church has committed the same abominations Luther condemned in Israel and Judah. When has the state Church not persecuted, tortured, and killed disciples holding "heretical" beliefs? It wasn't Islam or Judaism that hung Andreas Fischer for his Anabaptist Sabbatarian beliefs, or twelve years later, lopped off his head to finish the work the hangman's noose could not complete. No, it wasn't Judaism that pursued Anabaptists through Alpine mountain communities until only the "quiet folk" remained alive. It wasn't Judaism that drowned Anabaptists. It was the followers of Luther and of the Swiss Reformers. It was Christians who believed in a two-kingdom doctrine—and in the left-hand kingdom, it was perfectly acceptable to hunt down my ancestors because they practiced "Believers' baptism."

Jesus told Pilate that His kingdom was not of this world, nor from this world (John 18:36) ... this heavenly kingdom has not yet been delivered to Jesus even though He qualified to receive it two millennia ago; this kingdom that is not of this world is what Luther identifies as the right-hand kingdom of God. And the Son of Man will not receive this kingdom until spiritual Babylon is cast down (Dan 7:9-14; Rev 11:15). Until then, the single kingdom of this world remains the dominion of the prince of disobedience and his cohorts, a reality that would seem to be in conflict with the Apostle Paul writing, "For there is no authority except from God, and those that have been instituted by God. ... [The ruler, king or emperor] is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer" (Rom 13:1, 4). Therefore, any discussion of the kingdom of God must address (and if necessary, refute) what Luther wrote about two kingdoms; for Luther justified the state murdering dissenters through the state being the servant of God who was to execute God's wrath on evildoers.

This is not an issue from the past that is not likely to again plague Christianity; rather, this issue will be in the foreground, alive and bloody, throughout the seven endtime years of tribulation. Now is the time to begin a frontal assault on Luther's two-kingdom error—and this assault must begin with identifying the synagogue of Satan, a body of sincere believers who lie to men and God; for the synagogue of Satan will regain control of the reins of Luther's lefthand kingdom once the Tribulation begins. And circumcision of the heart will divide humanity as circumcision of the foreskin once did.

In the 16th-Century CE, the old and the new Church compared infant baptism to circumcision of natural Israelite males on the eighth day. Neither understood what circumcision signified (nor did most of Judaism); for circumcision is, perhaps, the least understood ritual within all of religiosity. Therefore, Anabaptist theologians will not employ the argument that would have vacated the validity of Protestant Reformers' objection to Believers' baptism.

If circumcision were primarily an inclusionary rite, as Reformers' taught, why clip the foreskin of the penis and then conceal the evidence of this ritual by the modest apparel of daily wear? Other primitive rites of inclusion include facial tattoos and cuttings, distinctive attire or adornment. So why separate a man from the remainder of humanity in a way that is only visible when the man is naked? And what role does "nakedness" play in the ritual?

The Lord God—*YHWH Elohim*—created a man from red clay, the dust of the ground, and breathed life into the nostrils of His creation, thereby transforming base elements into a breathing creature, a nephesh. There was then neither another living creature, nor any vegetative life, contrary to what is popularly taught by "Christian creationists." The first Adam, the man of mud, was not created on the fifth or sixth day of a seven day creation week, but on "the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens" (Gen 2:4), and after the Lord God made this first breathing creature, God "planted a garden in Eden, in the east" (*v*. 8), and there He put the man He had formed. There He gave the man the single command: "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (*vv*. 16-17).

What kind of a "tree" bears knowledge of good and evil? Not any tree listed in today's nursery catalogues, nor recognized by an arborist. So this *tree* has about it a symbolic quality that asks the reader to assign an unusual referent or linguistic object to the linguistic icon. Now, understanding that God covered Adam and Eve's nakedness with garments of skin, and understanding that Adam was the covering for Eve, a concept that will be addressed shortly, assigning a similar referent to the skin garment God made as would be assigned to a *tree* bearing knowledge of good and evil causes the foreskin of the penis to symbolically be this animal skin covering God made for Adam in the garden. Thus, when this covering foreskin is removed, a man is naked before God as Adam was when covered by his obedience to God—Adam was naked without realizing that he was naked. However, once he was no longer covered by obedience, he realized his state. He became as the Apostle Paul writes of himself:

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. (Rom 7:7-11)

For Paul, knowledge of the law equated to Adam eating forbidden fruit, and sin coming alive to slay him equates to Adam realizing that he was naked. Thus, being naked before God—that is, not being covered with the garment of obedience—produces death, or is death, so every circumcised person, whether of foreskin or of heart, must have a covering of obedience. The person who is only covered by his or her obedience loses his garment and becomes naked before God with his or her first knowing transgression of the law. Therefore, the letter of the law kills, and the commandments carved in letters on stone form a ministry of death (2 Cor 3:6-7); whereas the Spirit gives life through Israelites circumcised of heart putting on the garment of Christ Jesus' righteousness, thereby covering themselves with Christ's obedience. Hence, physical circumcision after being born of Spirit becomes a shedding of Christ's obedience and reliance upon the person's own obedience to cover his nakedness before God.

It is important to remember, according to the second Genesis creation story, that the man was created outside of Eden and that he was created first, created before there was any other life. This man was created on the day when God made heaven and earth; he was created on the first day ... Christian and Jewish apologists attempt to explain away the obvious contradiction between this creation account and their reading of the Genesis chapter one creation account, but they are wrong when they do so. The first Adam was a type and shadow of the last Adam, Christ Jesus, now a life-giving spirit (Rom 5:14; 1 Cor 15:45). As no human being preceded Christ Jesus to heaven, no living creature was formed from the dust of the earth and placed in the garden of God before God placed the first Adam in His garden.

There was no "light" in this world before the *Logos* ($\Lambda \circ \gamma \circ \varsigma$) as *Theos* ($\Theta \in \circ \varsigma$) entered this world (John 1:14) as His Son, His only Son (John 3:16). The man Jesus of Nazareth said,

The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. (John 12:35-36)

He identified Himself as "the light" and His disciples as "sons of light." Those who do not hear His words and who do not believe the one who sent Him have no eternal life dwelling within them (John 5:24); they are spiritually lifeless; they are

sons of darkness, who inevitably believe the lie of the old serpent, Satan the devil, that they shall not surely die (Gen 3:4) for they have an immortal soul. These sons of darkness include those individuals that form the synagogue of Satan.

The world can fairly be divided into sons of light and sons of darkness or disobedience. All of the sons of light were at one time sons of disobedience (Eph 2:2-3; Rom 11:32). They did not, at birth, become sons of light; rather, they became sons of light when they were born of Spirit.

Within the great classification of *sons of darkness* is a subset that lies to man and God: this subset claims to have been born of Spirit, hence they claim to be Jews ["Christians" – Christianity began as a sect of Judaism; it should still appear as a sect of Judaism]. But their lawlessness proves that Satan is their true father. Unknowingly they have lied to themselves by convincing themselves that they have been born again or born anew and that God is their Father; yet, they do not submit to God's law. Instead of submitting, they voice their profound ignorance by saying that since Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets (Matt 5:19), they do not have to keep the Law ... they are not the children of God. If they were, they would, by faith, attempt to cover themselves with obedience. Thus, they remain the children of disobedience, bondservants to sin, and enemies of God.

The Judaism of the Qumran Community [Dead Sea Scrolls] foresaw an endtime conflict between the sons of light and the sons of darkness, a cataclysmic conflict that would leave most of humanity dead. This community perceived that a struggle between good and evil would see good prevail.

The sons of light will prevail, but not through physical warfare. Lawlessness or sin is not defeated with swords or battle tanks. It is defeated with obedience, and it can only be defeated by obedience to the laws of God.

Unfortunately, the Qumran community was also without spiritual understanding even though they were not far from enlightenment ... when sin and death entered the world through Adam eating forbidden fruit, this man of mud took to himself the determination of both good and evil: human beings now define "good" within their understanding of the concept, and this includes the ancient Qumran Community.

According to God, eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil made a person evil ... "evil" is nothing more than determining for oneself what is good. Making such a determination causes the person to be a judge of God, and of His commands. Determining for oneself what is good causes the person to rebel against God as Korah rebelled against Moses in the Wilderness (Num chap 16). *After all, do you not have a good mind? Are you not capable of determining what is right and what is wrong? You are, aren't you? So hasn't God taken too much onto Himself when He tells you that, say, homosexual activity between consenting adults is evil? According to the great horn, the first king of Greece, God has taken too much onto Himself.*

Sounds plausible? Seems reasonable?

What did Korah do that Democrats don't do when Republicans have the Presidency? If Luther's teaching about a left-hand kingdom of God were true,

then what is the role of political opposition other than to oppose the servant of God that He has appointed as a terror to bad conduct?

The person who determines for himself or herself whether he or she will obey God is a rebel of the same type as Korah was and as the anointed cherub in whom iniquity was found (Ezek 28:14-15) is. This person is of Satan, the father of rebellion and the father-figure of the first spiritual king of the rebelling coalition that is the king of Greece. This person is an evildoer even if this person "decides" that he or she will keep the commandments of God because they are good moral principles by which to live.

How, you ask, can a person who keeps the commandments of God be evil?

It is not keeping the commandments, the reasonable expectation of all who are of the household of God, that produces righteousness, or that cleanses hearts so that they can be spiritually circumcised. Faith and belief, two sides of one coin, are counted to a person as righteousness; the journey of faith from this world and its great city of Babylon to Judea and on to the heavenly city of Jerusalem cleanses hearts. Thus, by faith the person who would be righteous will keep the precepts of the law (Rom 2:26), and will have his or her uncircumcision counted as circumcision. This person will begin to keep the law as his or her expression of love for God while the person is yet far from God (Deu 30:1-2), while the person dwells in a far land. Yes, this person has chosen to keep the commandments, but not because the person has determined that the commandments are ten principles that will produce goodness and happiness. Rather, this person in turning to God when estranged from God in a far land will do that which the person knows will please God as an expression of love for God. Keeping the commandments, now, becomes a making straight of the way to God-keeping the commandments comes as an expression of the person's rejection of this world and its values, and becomes the evidence of repentance.

Korah was a Levite. He had the "right" to come near God. So his complaint that Moses and Aaron had gone too far, that "all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them" (Num 16:3) had a logical basis ... doesn't Korah's complaint sound legitimate and like something that should be discussed? It does, doesn't it? So why should God do a "new thing" (Num 16:30)—unless, of course, this new thing reveals how and what happened in the heavenly realm when iniquity was found in an anointed cherub?

The essence of democracy (self-determination) is the essence of evil. Democracy itself is a "cultural construct" that comes from the spiritual king of Greece, that coalition of demonic rebels which rule the appetites of the flesh (the bronze belly and loins of the humanoid image Nebuchadnezzar saw in vision). And democracy is just one construct among many that have been imposed upon the sons of darkness, who are not limited to being witches and warlocks, Hindis or Buddhists, atheists or agnostics, but include reasonable Jews and Christians who have chosen to keep the commandments of God because they form the tradition of the community, or express godly principles for "right" living whereas obedience from faith will have the disciple keeping the commandments because God said to. Yes, you, Christian, you who claim to be born of Spirit are of the synagogue of Satan if you still present yourself as an obedient servant to sin. By your acts, you reveal that you have not been drawn from this world and set free from the disobedience to which God consigned all of humanity (Rom 11:32). Yes, you can know that you are of the synagogue of Satan by whether you keep the precepts of the law: "the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God for it does not submit to God's law; indeed it cannot" (Rom 8:7). So what you, as a member of the synagogue of Satan, disclose about yourself even when you "decide" to keep the commandments is that you cannot. You cannot because you are still the bondservant of the prince of this world; hence you are of the synagogue of Satan.

All those who say they are "Christians" but who do not keep the laws of God (i.e., the commandments the $\Lambda_{0\gamma0\varsigma}$ as $\Theta_{\varepsilon0\varsigma}$ uttered from atop Sinai and repeated by Moses in the second covenant) are liars. Collectively, they form the synagogue of Satan ... it's not enough to keep eight of these commandments, or even nine; for all ten of these commandments form the law of God, and when one of these commandments is broken, the person breaks the law of God (Jas 2:10). And those who are of the synagogue of Satan will break the commandment they consider least (Matt 5:19), the Sabbath command; for they reject liberation from bondage, which under the second covenant is the reason for remembering the Sabbath and keeping it holy (Deu 5:15).

The person who is of the synagogue of Satan, a son of darkness who has broken into the household of God as a thief, will inevitably keep Sunday as his or her Sabbath; for this person *must* break one of the commandments. This person cannot—on the authority of the Apostle Paul having laid the foundation for the house of God in heavenly Jerusalem (1 Cor 3:10-11)—keep the commandments; this person is hostile to God and will not submit to God's rule over him or her. This person has not, regardless of what he or she believes about himself or herself, been born of Spirit so this person does not have the Holy Spirit. This person lies when he or she says that the person has been born again, or born anew. Rather, this person is spiritually blind, living in darkness, groping for truth in all the wrong places. And what this person perceives as enlightenment is being taken into the confidence of Satan, who comes disguised as an angel of light.

Writing with boldness and comparing the gospel of Christ with Moses, saying that unlike Moses who put a veil over his face after descending from talking with God disciples reflecting the glory of the Lord are transformed into the same image of Christ, one degree to another, the Apostle Paul said,

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is only veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 4:3-6) Where does God say, *Let light shine out of darkness*? Does He not say this on the first day (Gen 1:3)? And is this light not seen in the face of Christ Jesus, the image of God? Is, then, Christ Jesus not the light of this world, the light of the first day of a creation week which has the Spirit of God hovering over the waters of humanity?

As no air breathing creature was created prior to the man of mud, no human being had spiritual life, received from the divine Breath of God [IIv $\epsilon \upsilon \mu \alpha A \gamma \iota \upsilon \upsilon$ or *Pneuma 'Agion*], prior to when the Holy Spirit descended as a dove upon the man Jesus of Nazareth. Therefore, the lifeless corpse of Adam—the elemental elements of this earth [mud] formed into flesh and bones and appearing as a man but without the breath of life—is the type and shadow of the living man, Jesus of Nazareth, circumcised of flesh, before the divine Breath of the Father descended upon Him as a dove. Thus, God placing the man of mud in His garden, a type and shadow of heaven, is analogous to the man Jesus entering the temple, where God had created spiritual beasts that the last Adam would name: Hypocrites, blind guides, serpents (Matt chap 23).

To get inside the physical temple, a man had to be physically circumcised. (He had to be a Levite to get into the sanctuary.) But physical circumcision only placed the person in the spiritual equivalent to the garden of God—in other words and this is a primary concept to remember, physical circumcision makes a man naked before God as Adam was naked when God placed him in the Garden of Eden. Again, the only covering Adam had was his obedience to God, but Eve was covered by Adam's obedience. Thus, sin does not enter the world when Eve eats forbidden fruit. Adam's obedience covered His wife, who was bone of his bone. Rather, sin entered when Adam ate of the same fruit (Rom 5:12): they both then knew they were naked (Gen 3:7). They were no longer covered by obedience.

Eve does not say that she was naked after eating forbidden fruit. The sparse account has both of them realizing they are naked after Adam eats.

A beast is naked before God but without knowledge of being uncovered. Its hair coat (if it has one) is its only covering; so beasts are clothed as Esau was (Gen 25:25) in the womb of Rebekah—and Esau is hated [disrespected] while still in the womb ... Esau's circumcision on the eighth day nevertheless made Esau naked before God despite his natural hair covering; thus, as a man, Esau covered his nakedness with clothes (Gen 27:15). But again, Esau was hated by God while still in the womb (Mal 1:2; Rom 9:13); he was hated before he had done good or evil. He was rejected as if he were a beast rather than a son of God.

Sadducees and the Pharisees, naked before God because of their circumcision but without awareness of their nakedness (they sincerely believed that the works of their hands made them righteous), are the spiritual equivalent to the beasts the first Adam named in the garden of God (Gen 2:19-20). They covered themselves with their own righteousness, but none of them kept the law of God (John 7:19) even though they were excellent readers of the law (Luke 10:25-28). They were without faith (Rom 9:30-32) and without love for their neighbor. And without faith, no one can please God. Natural Israel was, with a few exceptions, rejected by God as Esau was rejected—and as the greater part of those who have been born of Spirit (i.e., true sons of light) will be rejected because, while under Grace, equivalent to the womb of Rebekah, they covered themselves with their own righteousness, their own bloody coat of hair. They claim to be covered by the blood of Jesus, but if this were true, they would use this garment of Christ's righteousness to practice walking as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6), and Jesus walked as an Israelite of His day, keeping the annual Sabbaths as well as the weekly Sabbaths.

There is what has not been previously recognized: Esau does not symbolically or spiritually represent lawless Christendom, those self-identified disciples who claim to be born of Spirit but who, by resisting God and refusing to keep His commandments, show that they are liars (1 John 2:3-4). Rather, Esau represents Sabbatarian disciples who cover themselves with their own righteousness by not taking the Passover sacraments on the night Jesus was betrayed. Together, Esau and Jacob represent Sabbatarian Christendom.

Composed mostly of one super denomination that has chosen a particular prophetess, Sabbatarian Christendom chooses for itself who will wear the hair coat of a prophet. It chooses whom it will obey, and too much of Sabbatarian Christendom has obeyed con men, ad men, and a channeling woman ... the one great denomination within Sabbatarian Christendom has prospered in this world by gradually making itself a part of this world, a process that began a half century ago. This denomination, seeking converts from the synagogue of Satan, has adorned itself as a worldly woman. It became a member of national and international religious associations; it added the cross to its logo. It became "respectable," but its teachers are liars. Its god has become the prince of this world. And no one should be surprised, for those who have been born into this great Sabbatarian denomination have made no journey of faith for two, three, four generations; they have not cleansed their hearts. So this denomination is now led by Satan's servants disguised as ministers of righteousness (2 Cor 11:15), with these ministers teaching generation upon generation not to be like Jesus, who covered His nakedness produced by His circumcision with obedience to "every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt 4:4).

Yes, Sam, the woman prophetess you defend prevents you from keeping the high Sabbaths of God ... where do you go to show when the Sabbath day begins? Do you not go to the command to keep Yom Kipporim (Lev 23:32)? You do, don't you? So why don't you also keep the holy day, which is, certainly, "a shadow of the things to come" (Col 2:17) but a shadow of that which has not yet been completed; for Christ Jesus, as the reality [substance] of the Azazel goat, still bears the sins of Israel in a far land. He will continue to bear these sins until spiritually circumcised Israel is liberated from the indwelling sin and death that presently resides in the members of every disciples (Rom 7:21-25). Only then, when the <u>second Passover</u> liberation of Israel is an historical event, will the shadow be fully replaced by its reality.

Because disciples of Christ Jesus are covered by the garment of Christ's righteousness (this garment identified as Grace), when they sin they are as the first Eve was when she ate forbidden fruit. They are as one of the two sons of promise born to Isaac: Esau or Jacob. No sin is imputed to them; they are not naked before God. They form the now covered Body of the Son of Man¹. But—and here is the caveat—disciples of Christ Jesus have all been born of Spirit. They are all sons of light. They are not part of the synagogue of Satan, for they willingly submit to God's law. In fact, they eagerly submit to too many teachers of the law, each speaking his or her words. They are as the saints at Corinth were (2 Cor 11:3-4).

When the first Adam named the beasts, there was no other man; when the last Adam named the spiritual beasts that frolicked in the spiritual garden that was Herod's Temple, there was no other person born of Spirit. Again, physical circumcision only gets a living creature [human being] into the garden of God. To be a spiritually living creature other than a beast, a person must also be circumcised of heart; for circumcision of the flesh keeps the person's mind on the flesh and on his circumcision, which is of value to the person to the extent that those who are circumcised were entrusted with the oracles of God (Rom 3:2).

Now, do disciples today need to be physically circumcised ... no, for these disciples are the living stones (1 Pet 2:5) that form the temple of God in heavenly Jerusalem (1 Cor 3:16-17). Disciples do not need to be physically circumcised to enter the temple; again, they are the temple. Whereas a series of correspondences (a layering of shadows) worked together in the natural realm to reveal the depth of God to natural Israel [if this firstborn son – Ex 4:22 – would have believed God], a truly born again disciple understands that Judea, the Promised Land, is a type of the weekly Sabbath, which in turn is a type of the Millennium and a type of heaven.

Although entrance into heaven is the reality of entering into God's rest, the only one who has so far entered heaven is the one who came from heaven and has since returned. Everyone else awaits resurrection and the revealing of their judgments (1 Cor 4:5), or waits being born of Spirit when resurrected in the great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20:11-15). Today, all sons of darkness wait receipt of the Holy Spirit—the defining characteristic of a son of darkness or a son of disobedience is not being born of Spirit; whereas those who are of the synagogue of Satan are self-identified Christians who have not been born of Spirit. Thus,

¹ The Son of Man will be revealed (Luke 17:30) when the seven endtime years of tribulation begin. Christ Jesus, the Head of the Son of Man, was revealed in the 1st-Century CE when He covered His nakedness with His obedience to His Father, but His Body was not then formed so His Body could not then be revealed. But now, nearly two millennia later, His Body having grown fat and soft while cloaked in the garment of His righteousness awaits being revealed so that it, too, can be sacrificed as an accepted offering to God. It, too, will cover itself with its obedience to God, or it will die spiritually in the lake of fire.

Biblical prophecy is about the transition from the kingdom of this world being ruled by the humanoid image Nebuchadnezzar saw in vision, this image called Babylon with its king being Satan, the spiritual king of Babylon (Isa 14:4), to the single kingdom of this world being ruled by the Son of Man, Christ Jesus being this image's Head and glorified disciples forming this image's Body. This transition of power began when Jesus of Nazareth defeated Satan by fulfilling the Law and the Prophets, but the conclusion of this transition had/has to wait until the fullness of both Jews and Gentiles come to God, thereby completing the formation of the Body, grown large in the darkness that settled over this world following Calvary.

with pedagogical redundancy, the synagogue of Satan is a subset of individuals within the larger grouping identified as *the sons of darkness*. Now, to the problem: Martin Luther's left-hand kingdom of God, the secular kingdom that reigns over the visible affairs of men, has been and remains the domain of the synagogue of Satan. This is why self-identified Christians persecute and murder other self-identified Christians; why a Roman bishop, when seeking to eliminate the Cathars, ordered everyone in certain Languedoc villages to be killed with the quip, "Let God sort them out, He knows His own." *Yes, He does—and His own love one another. They do not kill anyone, friend or foe. Jesus, Himself, washed the feet of Judas Iscariot when He knew that Judas would betray Him within hours.*

The synagogue of Satan is not the hated son Esau born to the last Isaac (the Apostle Paul identified disciples as children of promise as Isaac was a son of promise – Gal 4:28); rather, this hated son, like endtime Jacob, is of promise, but because he is covered by his own righteousness and has chosen his own prophets and prophetesses he does not strive or wrestle with God. He does not have the spirit of prophecy. He falsely teaches the ways of God, and he will die either physical or spiritually during the first 1260 days of the seven endtime years of tribulation. Sadly, even though spiritual Esau publicly teaches disciples to keep the weekly Sabbath, this Esau will be rejected because he will not keep the high Sabbaths of God. He will not cover himself with the Passover blood of the Lamb of God.

The bloody hairiness of Esau at birth forms the shadow and type of Sabbatarian Christians who, when the <u>tribulation</u> begins, refuse to keep the Passover or to take the Passover sacraments on the night that Jesus was betrayed. Spiritual birth for both Esau and Jacob occurs when the Son of Man is revealed. Until then, disciples constitute spiritual Isaac. Thus, many Sabbatarian Christians who today struggle in the womb of Isaac (Rebekah's womb is Isaac's womb) are hated or disrespected by God. Few are those who are truly loved by God as Jacob was loved.

How can that be true, that God doesn't love everyone?

The Apostle Paul wrote, "What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory" (Rom 9:22-23) ... is a vessel of wrath prepared for destruction loved by God? How about by the God that inspired, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated" (Rom 9:13; Mal 1:1)? The problem really is in human understanding of abstract words like */love/*, */good/*, */evil/*, */fair/*; for human understanding comes from the disobedience broadcast by the prince of this world. When sons of darkness assign referents to abstract words, God will always appear unfair and unjust. This comes directly from how God is perceived by demons.

Returning to what has previously been stated: for the past five years, lawless Christians have been identified as spiritual Esau—this was giving these lawless Christians more compassion than Scripture gives them. Lawless Christians form the synagogue of Satan, for they say they have the Holy Spirit and have been born of Spirit, but they lie. They have not made a journey of faith; they have not cleansed their hearts. They remain spiritually lifeless, but because none of them have the Holy Spirit nor even know what it means to have been born of Spirit, they do not realize what they lack. They cannot comprehend keeping the commandments by faith because they love God. Therefore, they label those disciples who keep the commandments as *Judaizers*, to them the most derogatory label they can attach to a Christian. But really, this label testifies to the *Judaizer's* righteousness before God.

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