

Chapter Two

The prophecies of Daniel are frequently cited in Qumran's War Scroll— and it is to these prophecies that the endtime sons of light turn to understand what will happen in their war with the prophets of darkness. Both sides will use these prophecies. Both sides will believe they alone possess understanding of these prophecies. And one side will add an uninspired history textbook into Scripture, thereby teaching disciples that the sealed and secret visions of Daniel can be unsealed and revealed by uninspired men (and women).

If someone identifies the iron legs of Nebuchadnezzar's image as Rome or the Rome Empire, or if someone identifies the fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven as Rome, the Rome Empire, or the Holy Roman Empire, the person is a false prophet!

The visions of Daniel are no longer sealed with their shadow. They are open for all to read.

Jesus said that many false prophets would come, which means there are still more of them coming, for the timeframe for these false prophets is the first three and half years of the Tribulation. Throughout Paul's ministry, he fought the circumcision faction. Throughout the ministry of the Philadelphia Church, the sons of light will fight the false prophets who sincerely believe that they serve Christ. If they serve Christ, then let them acknowledge that neither Rome, nor the Roman Empire is mentioned in prophecy. If they will not, they are of Satan, said without caveats.

Before disclosing the battles to be fought, the nature of the war between the sons of light and the sons of darkness needs to be so well understood that obedience to God never becomes at issue as the faith of saints is severely tried. Again, the war goes from being mind against flesh, fully inside all sons of God, to being outside of themselves once liberated from bondage to sin. Jesus said to clean the inside of the cup, then all of the cup will be clean. And what will be revealed with Israel's liberation from bondage to sin is the lawlessness in the hearts and minds of the sons of darkness. These disguised ministers of righteousness will, through the actions of their flesh, show the world the lawlessness of their hearts and minds. No longer will darkness hide in light by being inside a born-from-above disciple.

Again, when the mind reigns over the flesh, the contents of hearts and minds will be revealed by what the person does, a simple enough statement. Yet someone will claim not to understand, that the logic is oblique and the writing circuitous. Both claims might well be true.

Today all born-from-above disciples are imprisoned in sin. Receiving the Holy Spirit liberates the heart and the mind through receipt of the laws of God, but the belly and loins remain in bondage to the law of sin and death. Thus, with receiving the Holy Spirit, a war begins within the disciple, a war that pits intellect and emotions against physical appetites. These appetites sneak into the emotions to launch strong counterattacks of lusting for that to which the disciple has no right. These appetites sneak into the mind to stoke the fires of vanity. But the mind fights back by withholding from the appetites that which they desire most. A reason for fasting is for the mind to demonstrate its power over the appetite of the belly. A reason for observing the Sabbath is for the mind to force the body to rest. And a reason for marrying for love is for the heart to defeat the appetites of the loins.

However, when a disciple is liberated from the law of sin and death that dwells in his or her flesh, the mind and heart will rule the entirety of the body. Whatever the mind wills, the body will do. So the content of the mind and heart will be revealed through the actions of the body. Character will become action. Therefore, to continue providing a resistance against which the disciple must strive to further develop character, the saints will be given into the

hand of the man of perdition for three and a half years. The battle between obedience and disobedience moves from inside the saint to outside the saint, who will have to strive against civil governments to practice true faith.

The many prophecies about taking away the daily [sacrifice] have been understood to mean the stopping of animal sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. These sacrifices were stopped when Rome sacked Jerusalem ca. 70 C.E.. They haven't yet been reinstated although that possibility exists. A temple will have to be built, and a priesthood purified. A red heifer is needed, and finding one has been problematic. But these are all physical difficulties that can be overcome. The bigger problem is that circumcised Israel no longer has a covenant relationship with God; the Sinai covenant has been abolished (Eph 2:15). Circumcised Israel killed the Covenantor. Christ was free to marry another (Rom 7:1–4). So even if temple sacrifices resume in Jerusalem, the prophecies aren't about those renewed sacrifices being again stopped.

Israel goes from being the physical nation that gave birth to the man child who will rule the world (Rev 12:5) to the spiritual nation whose offspring keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus (v. 17). The visible physical nation forms the shadow of the invisible spiritual nation. Animal sacrifices foreshadow a reality that is Christ Jesus, the paschal Lamb of God sacrificed one time for the entirety of the household of God. Spiritual Israelites put on Christ Jesus as their spiritual covering (Gal 3:27), just as Elohim killed animals in Eden to make skin clothing for Adam and Eve (Gen 3:21). Sin requires a covering of blood. The skin clothing Elohim made for Adam and Eve were daily reminders of the price of lawlessness. And Christ Jesus as the last Adam made for disciples a covering of Himself as the daily reminder of the wages of sin. He is the daily sacrifice of Israel, and the daily putting on of Christ Jesus is the reality of the daily sacrifice in the temple. The stopping of the daily—the prophesied taking away of an already missing daily sacrifice—will be the prophesied great rebellion of Israel when obedience is the only covering for sin that Israel wears.

Daniel, in vision, sees the great horn of the he-goat [the king of Greece] broken, then four horns emerge from the great horn's stump, and a little horn emerges on the north horn. This little horn "became great, even as great as the Prince of the host. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him [the Prince of the host], and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. And a host will be given over to it [the little horn] together with the regular burnt offering because of [an act of rebellion, alternate reading], and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper" (Dan 8:11–12).

The Apostle Paul writes to the saints in Thessalonica,

Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day [the Lord's day] will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God... And you know what is restraining him now that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. **Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. (2 Thess 2:3–8 emphasis added).

The lawless one exists until the appearance of Christ's coming. He kills this lawless one with His breath, or Spirit. And the one who presently restrains this lawless one is also Christ Jesus, who restrains him until He is out of the way. Christ Jesus is out of the way when He

no longer bears Israel's lawlessness in the spiritual realm. He takes Himself out of the way by liberating Israel from bondage to sin. Now the body of Christ, the Church, is Israel's covering, meaning that the only covering Israel has is the same one Abraham had—obedience by faith.

The timeframe for Paul's explication of his earlier teaching to the saints at Thessalonica is the arrival of the Lord's day, and the coming of the Lord. The timeframe for Daniel's vision of the little horn is the sanctuary of God being "restored to its rightful state" (Dan 8:14). The coming of the Lord will restore the sanctuary to its rightful state. So Daniel's little horn and Paul's lawless one come to their ends at the same time. It is their arrival, however, that is of the most interest to the sons of light.

Daniel's vision "concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression [rebellion] that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot" (Dan 8:13) is for "2300 mornings and evenings" (v. 14), the expression generally taken to mean 2300 days. The morning and evening sacrifices constituted the required sacrifice for one day, or for *the daily*. Gabriel tells Daniel that this 2300-day date is true, so this number can be considered one of the hard numbers by which events in the Tribulation are dated.

The lawless one has been a restrained spiritual force outside of disciples since the time of Paul. If the lawless one were a human being, then the linguistic gymnastics necessary to erase the intervening two millennia stretch credibility beyond its breaking point. What has prevented earlier pundits from recognizing the lawless one as a spirit being is that Christ Jesus will kill him with the Breath [Holy Spirit] of His mouth. The assumption has been that angelic beings cannot die, an assumption clearly contradicted by Scripture. They cannot die outside of time, but once cast from heaven or imprisoned in outer darkness, they cannot escape death unless mercy is extended to them. Satan's judgment has already been revealed: he will die. So when he is cast into time, he knows he will only live for a short while longer (Rev 12:12). His wrath will, indeed, be great—when cast into time, though, Satan will become like a man just as king Nebuchadnezzar lived and thought like an ox for seven years.

Today, disciples put on Christ Jesus to cover an inner war between the disciple's mind and flesh. The law of sin and death dwells in each disciple, thereby taking the disciple captive prior to when the disciple received spiritual birth through receipt of the Holy Spirit. The disciple becomes in him or herself a representation of all of humanity in the manner of a brain cell being a hologram of the entire brain. The disciple was taken captive by sin and death long before the disciple reached twelve years of age (said for those who believe in a bodily rapture). The disciple is like a British Colonial child taken captive by Native Americans. He or she is reared as an Indian, a member of whatever tribe took the child captive. In this case, the child is taken captive by sin and death, and reared as a captive of lawlessness, doomed to death. And certainly many infants have died at birth or prior to birth, for death entered the world through Adam. So the child's captivity begins with the child's conscious thoughts, as seen by a two-year-old child's temper tantrum. The child has already learned rebellion, but hasn't yet learned to either use or control that rebellion. And the child really had to learn nothing, for the child was given over to the law of sin and death since Adam and Eve were driven from Eden. Satan has been the prince of the power of the air, so with physical breath—the inhalation of air—Satan has reigned over humanity, enslaving all of humanity through the law of sin and death.

The laws of God oppose the law of sin and death, for with receipt of the laws of God received through the Breath of God [*Pneuma 'Agion*], the disciple has received spiritual birth and life in the supernal realm although the disciple remains imprisoned in flesh and in time. So while the disciple's physical body lives through breathing air, over which Satan reigns,

thereby continually refueling the law of sin and death that dwells in the disciple's flesh, the disciple's mind lives on the Breath of God. War now exists between the disciple's mind, fueled by the Breath of God, and the disciple's flesh, fuel by the sir over which Satan reigns. So what the Father and the Son do when the Father draws a disciple from the world (John 6:44, 65) and Christ calls the disciple is start a backburn or brushfire inside Satan's domain. They have literally planted a guerilla warfare cell inside spiritual Babylon. They have done to Satan what he did to them when he instigated rebellion in the supernal realm. It is for the Father and the Son payback time, with obedience to the laws of God waging guerilla war against Satan's reign of lawlessness.

Every born-from-above disciple who has tried to live by the laws of God written on his or her heart and mind knows how difficult this fight of obedience against disobedience is. Sure, some of the fight happens outside the disciple, but the primary battles have been and will remain, until liberation, inside the disciple. When the inner battle is won, the outside body takes care of itself although it has been said that no good deed goes unpunished, a truism that reflects how Satan reigns over Babylon.

An outside man of perdition or lawless one hasn't been needed since sin and death has enslaved humanity, thereby making spiritual liberation as necessary for a spiritual Israelite as physical liberation was necessary for circumcised Israel in Egypt. In typology, Egypt or south now represents a disciple's flesh. So without need for an outer foil against which a saint will practice righteousness, the lawless one— who had already appeared while the Apostle Paul remained alive— has been restrained. And jumping ahead of ourselves, we will see that this little horn, when no longer restrained, is a spirit being who will possess a man, an Arian Christian who truly believes that the angel inside him is Christ Jesus. So he will declare himself God in good conscience.

Paul continues in his epistle to the saints in Thessalonica, "The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders" (2 Thess 2:9). Daniel's little horn "grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them" (Dan 8:10). It was Satan who rebelled against the Most High, and who caused a war in the supernal realm. So the little horn is, indeed, Satan, the spiritual king of Babylon. He comes as the lawless one, comes empowering a human being because Christ no longer restrains him. Rather, Christ has sent Babylon reeling with one blow, the second Passover. Spiritual Babylon is doubled over in pain when the firstborns not covered by the paschal blood of the Lamb of God are slain. And Satan, as the little horn, comes at the beginning of the seven years of tribulation as his own shadow— when cast from heaven halfway through these seven years, he will come as the true antiChrist, the second beast of Revelation chapter 13.

For disciples, the second Passover brings liberation from sin and death dwelling in their members; their Liberator will have come. The inner war of mind versus flesh will be won, finally! But there will be no victory celebrations. It will now be time for the sons of light to engage the lawless one, and to engage Death, both as outside ecclesiastical powers and civil authorities.

The true tragedy of the endtime scenario is the story of the sons of darkness, men and women whose desire is to serve Christ Jesus. Most have felt the calling of God since they were youths. Many have wanted nothing else but to serve God. But because they will not hear the words of Jesus and believe the One who raised Him from the dead, they teach Satan's masked doctrine of lawlessness— and they paid good money to go to school to learn this doctrine of lawlessness. So it isn't as if they haven't studied the Bible. They know the Book, but they cannot accept the idea that so many have been wrong for so long. So when

they are liberated from bondage to sin, they will return, like the dogs that they are, to their own vomit. And among them will be members of my extended family who would better serve themselves by truly serving God.

Following liberation, the sons of light will live by faith in a world rocked by the second Passover. They will be truly hated for Christ's name's sake. They will be betrayed, excluded from jobs; they will lose reputations, entitlements, privileges. Churches that are charitable corporations will lose control of the messages. And keeping the Sabbath will become a major test of faith, for the spiritual Egyptians will drive out spiritual Israel.

Today, a disciple puts on Christ as his or her daily covering for sin. The daily sacrifice in the supernal realm continues unabated since the glorified Jesus breathed on ten of His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit [*Pneuma 'Agion*]" (John 20:22) the evening following His Ascension. With Him breathing on these ten disciples, He created the second Eve—Elohim caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam, and from Adam's side, Elohim took a rib and fashioned the first Eve. Jesus is the last Adam. His three days in the grave correspond to Adam's deep sleep. His wound in his side corresponds to the rib being taken from Adam. And His breathing on those ten disciples corresponds to Elohim presenting Eve to Adam. The Church begins not at Pentecost, when the Church is filled by the Breath of God as a wife is filled with her husband's seed and gives birth to three thousand children, but the evening following Jesus' Ascension. It began at approximately the same time as when Elohim presented Eve to the first Adam.

The spiritual daily sacrifice continues without interruption, just as the holy nation of Israel continues/continued without interruption in its transformation from being a physical nation to being a spiritual nation. The daily sacrifice has not yet been taken away. And endtime prophecies about the daily sacrifice being taken away reference this putting on of Christ to cover the disciple's sins.

The lawless one through rebellion takes away the spiritual daily sacrifice, this putting on of Christ. And the assumption that the lawless one appears *evil* through ugliness will cause the rebellion to be philosophically linked to Satanic rituals and black arts instead of linked to the determination of good and evil for oneself. Lawlessness entered Eden when Eve believed the serpent that she would not die, and took for herself the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She ate a single piece of fruit that contained knowledge of both good and evil as if these two opposing states were *yin* and *yang* symbols. In time, disobedience can curl around obedience, as the serpent curls around the woman in the painting the *Temptation*, the reason why the fruit of this tree was prohibited food. But they cannot coexist in the timeless supernal realm, for evil is nothing more than lawlessness. It doesn't necessarily appear ugly although it always is. It is ugly simply because it cannot coexist with obedience to the laws of God.

Since the minds of disciples should be ruled by the laws of God, or by obedience to God, then evil can appear as righteousness when the lawless person's determination of good agrees with the laws of God. Again, Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, and his servants disguise themselves as ministers of righteousness. Outwardly, Satan looks like an angel of light and his servants look like teachers of righteousness. A person will, likely, see no evil when looking at either Satan or his servants, for the stars or angels that Satan cast down through his rebellion didn't choose to be evil. Rather, as in the case with Eve, they chose to determine for themselves good and evil. Their choice, thus, moved them from obedience to disobedience without any outward perception of change. As long as their determination of good agreed with the Most High's laws, they were obedient to those laws, but they were no longer being ruled by those laws. They were, rather, in voluntary

compliance with the Most High's law of love. As such, the anointed cherub could spread lawlessness without detection until disagreement occurred. Then lawlessness or iniquity was found in this anointed cherub.

In Eden, Elohim placed a tree that became a test of whether humankind would determine for itself knowledge of good and evil. No such tree existed in the supernal realm. Lawlessness had to be discovered through rebellion or violence (Ezek 28:16). It was not observable until it manifested itself. Thus, evil is hard to detect without a litmus-type test for it. Eating of the tree was that test. But since humankind was driven from physical Eden, an additional litmus-type test was required, one easily recognizable by everyone. This test is the Sabbath commandment, which is not an exact determiner of evil but a test accurate enough to disclose evil in high levels.

Chickens raised in commercial operations used to be fed arsenic in their feed to cause blood vessels to dilate, thereby promoting more rapid growth. In low levels, living organisms are tolerant of arsenic. At higher levels, they are quickly killed by the poison. But arsenic is cumulative. A low level fed over time kills the organisms. And so it is with lawlessness. A little lawlessness tolerated over time kills disciples.

Since Satan and his servants appear righteous as long as they are in agreement with the Most High, they promote rebellion against the Most High through their appearance of righteousness. But the Most High gave seventy (70) Sabbaths a year to humanity— and a disciple can determine the extent to which the disciple rebels against the Most High by how many of these Sabbaths the disciple presently observes. There are fifty-two (52) weekly Sabbaths. Do most Christians observe these weekly Sabbaths? No! Most Christians do not observe any of these weekly Sabbaths; yet these non-observing Christians are genuine disciples upon whom judgment has come. They will remember how their grandfathers, perhaps, absolutely refused to work on Sunday, which isn't the Sabbath, but at least was being kept as a Sabbath-day. (Christ bears the sins of disciples, so the person who kept Sunday as the Sabbath only caused Christ to bear one more sin than necessary, whereas the person who doesn't refrain from doing his or her will on even Sunday doesn't keep any Sabbath-day.) So the first discovery made is that the vast majority of the Christian Church practices evil in high levels by not keeping the weekly Sabbath. This vast majority has determined for itself whether it will observe the laws of God written on the hearts and minds of born-from-above disciples— that determination is, *No, it will not*. It will worship God however and whenever it wants. Celebrating the resurrection weekly seems, to this vast majority, more important than obedience to God. So in its appearance of righteousness, this vast majority practices lawlessness.

The second discovery revealed by the test of the Sabbath is that among seventh-day Sabbath keeping organizations, most do not keep the seven (7) annual High Sabbaths, one of which is a new moon. Most of these organizations don't keep the annual Sabbaths through ignorance, often willful. They will not go beyond what a man or a woman taught them at some point in the past. They place a person between themselves and Christ Jesus.

To the fifty-two weekly Sabbaths and the seven annual Sabbaths, disciples need to add eleven (11) additional new moons, making a total of seventy (70) annual Sabbaths normal years. And when a disciple looks for what organizations keep all seventy Sabbaths, the disciple finds, really, only the Philadelphia Church in its autonomous fellowships. It will be these fellowships that fight as the sons of light against the prophets of darkness following the liberation of all disciples from bondage to the law of sin and death. This placing of their lives at risk against Satan's disguised ministers of righteousness is what justifies the name *Philadelphia*, or brotherly love.

Brotherly love means actually fighting for Christ Jesus as David fought Goliath. The ancient Asia Minor city named Philadelphia, now named Alesehir, Arabic for “City of God,” was named in honor of Attalus II, the younger brother of Eumenes II, king of Lydia. The city wasn’t named to honor this king for him accommodating the enemies of his elder brother, but for him successfully fighting against those enemies, then unselfishly giving his victory to his brother. And it is to saints in the spiritual city or church named for this king that Christ Jesus begins His letter, ““I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut”” (Rev 3:8). By reading this, you are entering that opened door.

Again, following liberation the sons of light’s war against darkness changes arenas, as the appearance of the daily covering for sin changes from an inner covering to an outer covering, the Church, or rather, the seven named churches in Revelation. Following liberation at the second Passover, persecution and martyrdom will become everyday occurrences— as the battle between life and death assumes a cultural perspective, with the lawless one controlling the dominant culture. Again, in a manner similar to how the sons of light, with the laws of God in their minds, fought a difficult war against their flesh, the liberated sons of light, living by the laws of God, will fight an even more difficult war against civil and ecclesiastical authorities. They will not battle with physical weapons, for Jesus’ kingdom is not of this world. Rather, they will fight with faith put into practice as authorities put pressure on the Christian Church. The lawless one figuratively belly-bumps the Church back into lawlessness. But the sons of light will live by the words of Jesus, while believing the One who sent Him. And the sons of darkness who would have them surrender to lawlessness will use the same words of Jesus against them.

The war between the sons of light and the sons of darkness will be fought with the words of Jesus— and the winner will appear to be the loser. The sons of light will be labeled legalists, Puritans, teachers of salvation by works. And many more disciples will join with the sons of darkness whose righteousness is revealed by the cars they drive and the clothes they wear, the buildings they own and the power they possess. The sons of light will barely have a pot to boil porridge in.

The Apostle Paul writes that a great rebellion against God will occur (2 Thess 2:3) with the coming of the man of perdition. This son of lawlessness comes through the activities of Satan because liberated Israel refuses “to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (vv. 10–12).

Again, following liberation the daily covering for sin moves from an individual disciple secretly putting on Christ every morning to the disciple publicly proclaiming Christ by living by the laws of God. With some exceptions, cultures do not, today, greatly hinder or persecute disciples for openly living as Christians although most Christians live in open conflict with the Christianity of Christ Jesus. But the coming of the lawless one isn’t restricted to a few cultures or nations. This lawless one is a world-reigning power that appears righteous. He doesn’t appear ugly or evil as human beings perceive evilness. Rather, with the support of the false prophet, he appears as a type of the messiah. But he makes it as difficult for liberated disciple to openly live by the laws of God as it was for the disciple’s mind to previously defeat the appetites of the flesh. To live by the laws of God will place the disciple in active conflict to the lawlessness of the man of perdition who attempts to change seasons and the law (Dan 7:25 — this little horn is the same as the other).

About eight months after liberation from bondage to sin, the majority of spiritual Israel will succumb to the lawless one; they will be spiritually and physically defeated by him. They

will rebel against Christ and the Father. They will quit living by the laws of God although they will still appear righteous to themselves. And the lawless one will have stopped the daily sacrifice 2300 days before Christ's returns as the Messiah. Daniel's prophecy is just this simple to understand.

For the sons of light, the fight against darkness becomes a matter of salvation for both themselves and for all of Israel. Disciples while still in bondage to sin would lose battles with their appetites. Likewise, the liberated sons of light lose battles to save Israel. But as the sons of light became increasingly better at defeating the lusts of the flesh, so too will the sons of light become better in the fight to save Israel. "And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder" (Dan 11:33). The sons of light are the spiritually wise. They take casualties, but they will have some victories along the way.

From the comfort of their television studios, Evangelical spokespersons cite statistics about how many Christians are today being persecuted and martyred for their consciences' sake. The conclusion their audiences are expected to draw from these statistics is that persecution is an ongoing reality, that in places such as the 10-40 window, persecution of Christians today is as bad as it was in the 1st-Century. This might be true, but Paul was in bondage to the law of sin and death that dwelt in his members. The level of persecution changes following Israel's liberation from bondage to sin. The Church will not be raptured away to escape this persecution. Rather, the majority of the Church will rebel against God to escape what Paul had to endure, or what a Christian in Saudi Arabia endures today. And because they rebel, God will send a strong delusion over them so that they cannot repent.

This needs to be well understood. Because Christians rebel against God when they have no need for a covering for sin— when the sacrifice has been taken away (this is the spiritual reality of prophecies about stopping the daily sacrifice)— God sends them a delusion that is the spiritual equivalent of the earth swallowing Korah and his supporters in physical Israel's rebellion against Moses in the wilderness of Sin. These rebelling Israelites will have condemned themselves to the lake of fire, and God makes sure that they cannot repent by sending a strong delusion.

Understand, when a liberated spiritual Israelite rebels against God, the Israelite commits spiritual suicide. The second death is just as assured as physical death is when a person blows his or her brains out. For this liberated Israelite will not be allowed to repent of this rebellion— God will send this Israelite a strong delusion that precludes the person from ever realizing what he or she has done until the person's judgment is revealed. So rebellion after liberation is an extremely serious matter. God will not take this rebellion lightly. And all repetition and shrillness is justified in an attempt to stop an Israelite from rebelling. Eternal life is at stake, the Israelite's. A lot of lives are at stake. As much as ninety percent of Israel will die between being out of covenant by not covering their sins with the blood of Christ or by rebelling against the Father and the Son.

A tithe of Israel will be taken into the storehouse— an undetermined one out of every ten Christians. Delivering the good news that all who endure to the end shall be saved (Matt 24:13) is the most important work the sons of light can do prior to the great falling away, for prophecy can fail (which isn't a good translation of what Paul wrote). But the sons of darkness have the money they need, and the control of the media they need to figuratively deafen Israel, so that this holy nation of God will not hear the voice of Jesus, uttered quietly through the sons of light. Without televised praise music or powerful evangelistic campaigns, the sons of light fight with much more faith than facilities to bring even the tithe of Israel into the storehouse. Today, less than a tithe of a tithe keep the Passover as Jesus established

the example. Israel does not hear the words of Jesus, nor does this holy nation believe the Father. They will believe Augustine, or Martin Luther, or Billy Graham, but they will not believe Christ Jesus. Even the small percentage of Sabbath-keeping Christians will believe Ellen G. White, or Herbert Armstrong, but not God.

The immediate objection is that God wouldn't send a delusion upon His people so that they cannot repent... is Paul wrong? Does Paul make a mistake in his epistle, or has he been mistranslated? Or is it that those who object haven't read what God did to circumcised Israel when that holy nation refused to walk in the ways of God after being liberated from physical bondage. The prophet Ezekiel, quoting *YHWH*, writes:

Moreover, I swore to them [the uncircumcised children of Israel] in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them through the countries, because they had not obeyed my rules, but had rejected my statutes and profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were set on their fathers' idols. Moreover, **I gave them statutes that were not good and rules by which they could not have life, and I defiled them through their very gifts in their offering up all their firstborns, that I might devastate them. I did it that they might know that I am the Lord.** (Ezek 20:23–26 emphasis added)

All of the above happened to circumcised Israel as examples for spiritual Israel— happened because the physical nation formed the visible shadow of the invisible, spiritual nation. And if God could give the physical nation statutes by which they could not live (all firstborns of Israel belong to God— Exod 13:2— so He can do with them as He wishes), He certainly can send a strong delusion over rebelling spiritual Israelites, for Israel is His firstborn son (Exod 4:22).

Consider for a moment, the firstborns belong to God. If the whole nation of Israel worships demons, what will this nation's fate logically be in the great White Throne Judgment? They had the law. They were offered circumcised hearts and minds upon obedience; they could have received spiritual life. They were really without excuse for what they were doing. So, since firstborns belong to God, for whom it is no more difficult to resurrect a person from death than it is for a human being to raise another from the baptismal pool, isn't it better to seal firstborns in death early rather than let firstborns mature in idolatry. And who better than to seal the firstborn than the firstborn's parents?

Yes, the logic is perverse, but God's ways are not the ways of human beings. We would not deliver a nation, or an individual over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh (1 Cor 5:5). God will, for the flesh, really, is only important to human beings. God can make more whenever He needs more. What God desires is the character or *will* of obedience. Without obedience generated from love, generated because this is who the person has become, the person can never be one with the Father and the Son. The person will not be glorified.

From personal experience and from the collective experiences of today's sons of light, bringing a person out from under a spiritual delusion is impossible. A demonstrable example of this would be trying to convince someone who believes in a bodily pre-Tribulation rapture that the person's belief has no support in Scripture. God must release this person from the delusion. The person cannot be *argued* free from the delusion. In the case of the rapture, being left behind with dead loved ones who were firstborns will make a more persuasive argument than any words that can be written. God will powerfully drag the person out from under the delusion, but the person who swallowed this poisonous doctrine will never again believe God. He or she has been effectively slain by a teacher of lawlessness.

Sons of light need to remember that once liberated Israelites rebel against God, renewing them to repentance isn't likely to occur. Christ will not be crucified a second time. They will have spurned His sacrifice for them. They have no sacrifice left other than their own lives. Therefore, the sons of light in their fight against darkness need immediate victories. In the bloom of enthusiasm that will initially follow liberation, all of Israel will be receptive to living within the laws of God. Because God has revealed through His prophets what will occur, the sons of light can have early success while the righteous-appearing ministers of darkness regroup and attempt to grasp what happened the day of the second Passover.

Today, there are, unfortunately, few sons of light and many scoffers, which is as it was in the days of Noah. Jesus spoke in parables. He revealed all of the mysteries of God, but He revealed them so that Israel could not understand them. He spoke to His disciples in figures of speech so that they could hear, but not then understand what He said. Understanding wasn't given until after His glorification. If His disciples had not believed by faith, they would not have been assembled together to receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). And Thomas wasn't there. He had doubts. So what's revealed is that belief by Israel, by disciples, must precede understanding. Disciples today see through a glass darkly. When they teach what they darkly see, the matter becomes more easily seen. The darkness disappears. When an Israelite demands understanding before he or she will act, the action isn't of faith, but of knowledge. And the decisive test of Israel, and especially of the teachers of Israel will come at the second Passover.

The teachers of lawlessness are unvaryingly physically-minded. They do not understand the plan of God, for they do not keep the Sabbaths of God. They do not understand the prophecies of God, for they do not keep the laws of God. They do not hear the words of Jesus, nor do they believe the One who sent Him. And the test of whether they hear the words of Jesus is in how they worship Him.

Understanding the relationship between spiritual and physical requires comprehending the relationship between the spiritual laws of God written on hearts through receipt of the Breath of God and the physical laws of God that entered physical Israelites through their ears hearing the uttered Breath of *YHWH* from atop Mt. Sinai. Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matt 5:27–28). The uttered Breath of *YHWH*, in producing the audible shadow of the invisible spiritual law of love, said, *Thou shall not commit adultery*, one of the Ten Commandments. The Holy Spirit or *Pneuma 'Agion* [Breath Holy] transforms intent, or thought into the spiritual equivalent of action. To think lustful thoughts is letting the law of sin that dwells in the flesh rule a disciple's mind. The disciple has sinned. The disciple lost a battle to lawlessness without ever a muscle being moved. So Jesus didn't magnify the Ten Commandments, He reveals through two key commandments the relationship between the spiritual laws of God that have been written on the hearts and mind of drawn disciples and the old written code, which disciples are no longer under. Disciples are to be ruled by these spiritual laws—disciples are to be ruled by their minds, not by the appetites of their flesh. Whereas all Ten Commandments address the outward actions of disciples, transgression of the spiritual laws of God occur within the mind. And if the minds of disciples are ruled by these laws of God, the bodies of disciples will fulfill the Ten Commandments when ruled by the disciples' minds.

The Sabbath-keepers who cannot comprehend how someone worshiping on Sunday can possibly be a genuine Christian need to realize that the law of sin and death still dwells in the flesh of all Israelites, including themselves. The laws of God written on the hearts and minds

of drawn disciples who worship on Sunday haven't yet won their battle with the law of sin and death that dwells in the disciples' flesh. And victory might well not come until Israel is liberated from bondage to sin. But upon liberation, disciples will keep the Sabbaths, all of them, or disciples will rebel against God by returning to Sunday observance. The outward test of obedience to God following the second Passover will be Sabbath observance. And this test of keeping the Sabbath foreshadows taking the mark of the beast during the second half of the Tribulation. If a disciple returns to worshipping on Sunday once a disciple is liberated, the disciple's return will mark the disciple for spiritual death, just as accepting the tattoo of the beast will mark a person for death after Satan has been cast from heaven.

All of the above becomes extremely important for a disciple can delude him or herself into thinking, especially in the case of a male, that it is okay to look a little long at an attractive female, that no harm was done. There is a soft drink commercial that turns the table and has the girls looking a little long at a construction worker. Well, these long looks are not okay, but explaining why they are not is never entirely satisfactory. All explanations get dismissed with some form of, *It's only a look*, or, *It's biology*. The biology explanation is correct. The look is of the flesh, of the law of sin and death.

To repeat an earlier point, there is one commandment, however, that disciples ruled by the laws of God written on their hearts and minds will keep or will not keep that cannot be concealed within an explanation about youthful biology. This is the Sabbath commandment.

Prior to Jesus revealing the relationship between the spiritual and physical commandments in His Sermon on the Mount – the spiritual equivalent of the Logos as the Spokesperson for *YHWH* uttering the physical Law from atop Mt. Sinai – Jesus said,

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 5:17–20).

All that is required for salvation is to hear the words of Jesus and to believe the One who sent Him (John 5:24). Nothing more is asked of a person. And Jesus said that whoever relaxes the least of the commandments contained in the Law will be called least in the kingdom, if the person is not a hypocrite. The scribes and Pharisees were hypocrites (Matt chptr 23). They had the Law, and they knew to keep it, but none of them were (John 7:19). And it is here where the teachers of lawlessness go astray, for inevitably, these teachers will identify the scribes and the Pharisees as the ultimate lawkeepers. Yet if a person hears Jesus' words, the person will know that the scribes and the Pharisees were not keeping the law, not even the Sabbath commandment, for the law was entirely outside of a Pharisee. It began at his skin and extended outward toward others, what Jesus referenced in them binding burdens on others that they were not willing to bear.

The scribes and the Pharisees were not keeping the law of Moses; for they did not understand that a second covenant had been made with the uncircumcised children of Israel, a covenant made in addition to the Sinai covenant (Deu 29:1). They were under that second covenant, by which, upon obedience, they would receive circumcised hearts and minds (Deu 30:6). But they were never obedient. Moses, quoting *YHWH*, said, “‘And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call

them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul” (vv. 1–2). And therein was the problem. The scribes and the Pharisees did not worship God with heart and mind [*naphesh*]. They did not walk in the ways of God. They were men-pleasers. They sought to establish their own righteousness (Rom 10:3). They never took advantage of God’s offer to them of spiritually circumcised hearts and minds [*naphesh*] made in this second covenant of Moses.

Jesus said the test of disciples would be whether the disciple keeps the least of the commandments. And perhaps the least important commandment is the Sabbath, so whether a person will keep the Sabbath reveals whether the person will keep the weightier matters of the laws of God, written on hearts and minds. The Sabbath is the visual referent for all to see of whether a person believes the Father. It is a commandment that can be dismissed with the Christian still appearing to be spiritually *good*, but failing to keep the Sabbath demonstrates rebellion toward the Father and Son.

If you, as a disciple, feel a need to object and say some variation of Christians are not required to keep the Sabbath, bite your tongue, for your words will be held against you. Your body is just as much under the obligation to keep the Sabbath as Paul’s was— and Paul kept the Sabbath throughout his ministry. Jesus kept the Sabbath. Peter kept the Sabbath. And the bishops who began keeping Sunday rather than the Sabbath demonstrate through this action alone their inward rebellion against Father and Son, as will you if you return to Sunday observance once you are liberated from bondage to sin. You can then expect God to place a great delusion on your mind that you will not be able to detect, unless you return to the laws of God and see how far astray you have gone. Only by looking into the mirror of the perfect law can you even begin to see the extent that you have been deceived.

There you are, you decide whether you want to hear the words of Jesus and believe them, or whether you want to tell Jesus in your judgment that He really didn’t mean what He said. He will be your judge; He knows what He said. And so do you. And if you are experiencing judgment, you were not resurrected to life (John 5:29). Your words will do you no good, for you had the chance to demonstrate belief, to exercise faith, but you proved faithless. You will go into the lake of fire — salvation is just this simple: hear with your mind words that are spiritual, and believe by putting into physical practice what the mind has heard.

If you know to keep the commandments and do not, your righteousness does not exceed that of the Pharisees. You are, by definition, a hypocrite. Good works will mean nothing, for obedience and disobedience cannot coexist together.

And in a literary transgression that makes Composition instructors cringe, you need to again read the words of Jesus in His prayer to the Father immediately before being taken into custody:

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:20–23)

Being *perfectly one* is being in unity, and is the best expression for the principle of coexistence required by timelessness. Those disciples who return to lawlessness when liberated from sin have ceased being one with the Father and with the Son and with disciples who remain

obedient. Those disciples have placed greater value on their own determination of good and evil than upon hearing the words of Jesus and believing the One who sent Him. And the visible evidence of their rebellion during the first half of the Tribulation will be their rejection of the Sabbath.

Is the above said bluntly enough? The war of light against darkness goes from being an inner fight to overcome oneself to being an outward fight to live by faith in an increasingly hostile world while striving to bring as many liberated Israelites into living within the laws of God as possible. Rebellion will be returning to the Christianity of the Cross once Israel has been liberated from the Cross, a.k.a. Death.

Disciples have spiritual life inside a body of flesh. The spiritual maturation process is a disciple learning to rule his or her flesh by the person's thoughts. And the demonstration of successful rule will be for the disciple's flesh to keep the physical commandments of God.

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