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Built His House Upon A Rock - Part X (Matthew 7:24)



A study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7.

Continuing our study of Matthew 5, 6,

and 7, in learning what it means to be "a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24), we continue from last month.

Matthew 5:43-45 **Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**

In searching the entire Old Testament, there is not one verse that suggests we should hate our enemies, therefore, this was something that grew in the prideful Jews at the time of Christ and was exemplified between the Jews and Samaritans. Every form of the word "hate" connected with every form of the word "enemy" was searched and no verse was found though thirty verses did contain those words but in different context.

The love in which God speaks is the love for the soul to be in heaven. Peter writes, "And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Peter 1:7). Charity, synonymous with love, is shown here to be separate from kindness. The devil can be kind. Being kind is not the same as love, yet today many equate them. When a child is being corrected, the

child may say, "You don't love me." Actually, the parent loves them even more because if a parent does not correct a child, the child will grow up doing whatever they want and be far from God. Correction is used to guide a child in the right direction, motivated by love.

Many church members are like children. When a preacher touches on sin through preaching and by action, many respond with, "That preacher isn't loving." Why? Because people equate kindness and love. Yet they are separate. Because I love you, I will be kind, but I also will not let you die in your sins. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). That includes being willing to be misunderstood. Love is the motivating factor that can lead one to kindness.

So we are to bless, do good, and pray for our enemies. That sure looks like a recipe for kindness, motivated by love for whether our enemy is in heaven or not. And the prayer should not be, "Lord, make my enemy do what I want him to do!" It should be, "Lord, help my enemy love you and may I be the instrument to show your love to him."

The statement that God "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" is simply an obvious statement. Every city is made up of evil and good. God does not provide sun only for the good. But God does record what the evil do with the blessings of the sun. It does not just rain on the just, but God does record what the unjust do with the blessing.

Matthew 5:46-47 **For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only,**

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Hosea 4:6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.**

NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)










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THE ANTICHRIST



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-  Who or what is it?
-  Is it past, present, or future?
-  Where is Antichrist?
-  How long will it last?
-  What is 666?
-  How is one safe from it?

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what do ye more [than others]? do not even the publicans so?

This is Old Testament theology. *"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink"* (Proverbs 25:21).

You do that and in most cases you will see a change of attitude. You may not become best friends but there will be respect.

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Ever hear the phrase, "Nobody is perfect!" Or have you heard, "Only Jesus is perfect!" This one implies that people are off the hook from obedience. They may not say it that way, but if a person appears in general to be a nice person but once in a while they utter a foul word, you may be convicted to say, "You know, a Christian does not use such words." Their response may be, "Nobody's perfect! Besides, Jesus understands. He's the one that is perfect."

All of these are lies of Satan. Jesus was the only one that lived a perfect life but we also are to strive to live a perfect life. Jesus commands that we now be perfect. Of course that does not mean if we do make a mistake and sin that it is over, *"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"* (1 John 2:1).

Did you ever wonder why you go to church? Is it to worship God? That is a small part of it. Is it to give money? That is a small part of it. Is it to hear a good sermon? You are not to be entertained, but still, that is a small part of it. Is it to catch up with friends and socialize? Only if it is of a helpful and hospitality nature, but for the most part, current socialization is not the reason for

church. "Then what," you may ask, "is the real reason for going to church?" *"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"* (Ephesians 4:12). You are to learn how to be a perfect Christian. You are to learn what is sin and how to avoid it. You are to learn how to be a perfect witness, which is the work of the ministry.

Now someone is going to say, "God only knows how to be perfect! I'm not God!" This is why Jesus qualified it. As God the Father is perfect in heaven, you are to be perfect where you are – on earth. What has been revealed to you, you are to live up to. Your grandparents may have smoked themselves into the grave not knowing it is a sin – but you do. Therefore, you are to be perfect on that subject for this day and age.

"Noah was a just man [and] perfect in his generations" (Genesis 6:9). Noah lived up to all the knowledge of God that he had, yet in our eyes, he was not perfect.

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I [am] the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Genesis 17:1). He was commanded then to be perfect as we are commanded today because of what Jesus said. But we know that Abraham grew in his perfection.

Perfection includes *"striving against sin"* (Hebrews 12:4) and submitting to *"repentance and remission of sins"* (Luke 24:47) in that you will not want to do that sin ever again.

To be continued...

We will continue our verse-by-verse study next month, but for now, may we love our enemies and seek to be perfect.

THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH (3 John 1:2)



Topic: Natural Law Part of the Law of God

The same law exists in the spiritual as in the natural world (Romans 2:14). The transgression of the physical law is transgression of God's law

(1 John 3:4). Our Creator is Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3, 14).

Health Tidbit: Grapes - By now you have heard that red wine contains a significant level of flavonoids which act as antioxidants. This protects from cholesterol oxidation, reduces blood lipid levels, and inhibits blood clot formation, thereby

providing protection against heart disease. But did you know that it is the flavonoid in red wine, rather than the alcohol content, that has been shown to reduce the tendency of blood clots to form. Substantial levels of flavonoids as well as other antioxidant compounds are found in the actual grapes and the unfermented fresh

grape juice, clearly safer sources than the red wine. In addition, eating three to four ounces of raisins daily for two months lowers blood cholesterol and LDL cholesterol levels, improves bowel function, and lowers the risk of colon cancer.

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- Huge New Bible Study released: **The Antichrist**.
- Updated our testimony.
- Free E-mail accounts discontinued and old accounts deleted. TSTL.NET being sent by thousands was nice, but abuses occurred.

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TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT (Prov. 22:6)



Character Examples From the Bible – Daniel (Chapter 2, reacting to the decree)

Daniel 2:19-23 *Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what [is] in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I*

thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast [now] made known unto us the king's matter.

Continuing with observing Daniel's character, we notice that even under extreme circumstances, Daniel did not forget to be thankful. Sometimes children can get so excited that they forget to say thank you. Use Daniel as an example. He could have gone to the king right away to save his life and thank God later, but instead, he thanked God first.

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1) - COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between May 16 and June 15, 2006. [Preview future news snippets at www.tstl.net/news.]

in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." If we spend the time in the Word of God seeking God we will strike it rich -- spiritually.

▶ Los Angeles Newspaper Group, June 15, 2006 - Gold dig gets 'out of hand'

Henry Mora, a 63-year-old semi-retired musician, began to realize his search for buried treasure was getting "totally out of hand" around the time a hole in his front yard had grown deep enough to swallow 10 men. Fine gold dust had been turning up in excavated buckets of dirt. His high-powered metal detector was still beeping like crazy. A chunk of gold, it seemed, was just another shovel strike away.

▶ Scotsman, June 11, 2006 - Women told 'drink less' to avoid rape

A POLICE chief sparks controversy today by suggesting the number of rapes in Scotland could be substantially reduced if women drank less. Richardson - who stressed he was not blaming women - spoke out after a study of more than 120 rapes revealed alcohol intake was a major factor in 40 cases. Detectives concluded that the women were more likely to be targeted in the first place and less able to prevent the attack.

COMMENT: Here we have a modern day version of Matthew 13:44. *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid*

COMMENT: The Bible goes one further -- not only drink less but none at all. Proverbs 20:1 *"Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is]*

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BIBLE STUDY



Who Is Wise?

1. What will a wise person do? **Proverbs 1:5**

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2. What are wise people to receive into their minds? **Proverbs 8:33**

3. What will the wise receive into their hearts? **Proverbs 10:8**

4. What does a wise person keep? **Proverbs 28:7**

5. What do wise people store up? **Proverbs 10:14**

6. What do wise people try to do? **Proverbs 11:30**

7. In the end, what will the wise inherit? **Proverbs 3:35**

raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

►Fox News, June 11, 2006 - Texas, Alabama Mad Cow Disease a Rare, Mysterious Strain

Two cases of mad cow disease in Texas and Alabama seem to have resulted from a mysterious strain that could appear spontaneously in cattle, researchers say. Mad cow disease is not transmitted from cow to cow like a cold or the flu. It is believed to spread through feed, when cows eat the contaminated tissue of other cattle. That happens when crushed cattle remains are added to feed as a protein source. This once-common practice ended in the United States in 1997. Humans can get a related disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, in similar fashion — by eating meat contaminated with mad cow. Mad cow in humans afflicts younger people; the average age at death is 28 years.

COMMENT: Genesis 1:29 *"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat."* This is what we should be eating, and we would not have to worry about mad cow.

►The Independent, June 5, 2006 - School with no rules is forced to lay down law

For years, Summerhill, the "free" school founded by the philosopher A S Neill in the 1920s, gained notoriety for its pupils skipping lessons, outdoor bathing in the nude and voting for their own school rules. It was, in fact, the very epitome of the kind of liberal progressive school so frowned upon by education traditionalists such as Chris Woodhead, the former schools inspector. They no longer know the boundaries of acceptable behaviour.

COMMENT: 2 Timothy 4:3 *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."* This school shows what ultimately a lawless society is like. Yet Christians who advocate that the Ten Commandments have been done away with or made easier because of the cross are asking for the same result.

►WorldNetDaily.com, June 3, 2006 - Boys from single-parent homes have sex earlier

A Centers for Disease Control report this week shows boys from single-parent households are much more likely to have sex by age 15 than boys who live in two-parent families.

COMMENT: This is why the Elijah message is so important. Malachi 4:5-6 *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."*

►Reuters, May 31, 2006 - American men father children early, CDC study finds

Fifty-one percent of women and girls aged 15 to 44 approved of premarital sex at the age of 18. Premarital sex is OK, according to the 60 percent of men in this age group who agreed or strongly agreed that it was "all right for unmarried 18-year-olds to have sexual relations if they have strong affection for each other."

COMMENT: Another survey says that there is at least 83% of Americans who call themselves Christian. That means there are an awful lot of Christians who should repent. Genesis 2:24 *"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."* No sex before marriage -- period!

►AP, May 31, 2006 - Petitions Seek Neb. Judge's Resignation

A petition drive is calling for the resignation of the judge who sentenced a sex offender to probation instead of prison in part because of his short stature.

COMMENT: 1 Corinthians 6:2 *"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"* God does not take into consideration the consequences of being guilty. All receive their just punishment. This judge just encouraged all short people that were considering on being a sex offender to try it because the sentence is not hard if caught.

►Telegraph, May 28, 2006 - Bible supports homosexual partnerships, says bishop

One of the country's most senior bishops has reignited the Church of England row over homosexuality by claiming that same-

sex partnerships are supported by the Bible. The Rt Rev Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, said that traditionalists in the Church needed to be "converted" to see that homosexual unions are confirmed by the scriptures.

COMMENT: Do you have a TSTL for that Bishop? Us traditionalist do against that argument - Leviticus 18:22 says, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination." This looks quite plain. We cannot find a text that says the opposite of this. And if the bishop did, it would make the Word of God null and void, which would make God null and void. The Bible does not contradict itself. Bishop Harries, you have a duty to show us a plain TSTL on the matter or resign for being a disgrace to the position you hold!

► **Hindustan Times, May 24, 2006 - NRI woman claims she is Lord Jesus**

A Hindu woman here has said she is Jesus Christ and claims to have the "stigmata of Jesus" on her palms, feet and stomach, as well as the power to heal the sick. Katherine Jhawarelall, 35, who has a degree in criminology, said on Tuesday that she was born with the stigmata and also claimed that Hebrew scriptures and religious symbols from the Bible appear on the walls of her home, the Post newspaper reported. Jhawarelall claimed she did not know the significance of the stigmata until two years ago. Jhawarelall told the Post that on the morning of her 33rd birthday on May 15, 2004, she woke up with a swollen arm and realised a message was written on her skin: "Happy birthday Katherine. God gave you life." She was quoted as saying that she was initially startled "but eventually came to realise and accept who she was". Jhawarelall, however, is unfazed. "I carry the legacy that Jesus Christ is the Archangel Michael and He is universal. In Judaism he is Mikael, in Hinduism he is Shiva, Saraswathie, Luxmi, Lord Krishna and Shirdi Baba, in Christianity he was Jesus Christ and in Islam he is Hasrat Mikael," she was quoted as saying.

COMMENT: Acts 1:11 *"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."* Reincarnation is not like manner. Even though she does have some

facts correct, the one important fact is that Jesus shall return on clouds for this is how He ascended.

► **MSNBC, May 22, 2006 - Longer life could have a downside**

Now, after countless false starts and disappointments, some scientists say we could finally be close to achieving lifetimes that are, if not endless, at least several decades longer. This modern miracle, they say, will come not from revitalizing waters or transmuted substances, but from a scientific understanding of how aging affects our bodies at the cellular and molecular levels. Extreme optimists such as Aubrey de Gray think the maximum human lifespan could be extended indefinitely, but such visions of immortality are dismissed by most scientists as little more than science fiction.

COMMENT: What it does not provide is real immortality. It also does not prevent accidental death and murder. Not dying sounds like what someone else said. *"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die"* (Genesis 3:4). There is only one way for an immortal life. Romans 2:7 says, *"To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life."*

► **NBC, May 18, 2006 - Preacher: God told him about storms, tsunami**

In another in a series of notable pronouncements, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson says God told him storms and possibly a tsunami will hit America's coastline this year. "If I heard the Lord right about 2006, the coasts of America will be lashed by storms," Robertson said May 8. On Wednesday, he added, "There well may be something as bad as a tsunami in the Pacific Northwest."

COMMENT: Deuteronomy 18:22 *"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that [is] the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, [but] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."* At the risk of having people upset with us, but being faithful to our duty, we must let you know that Jesus warned that there would be false prophets in the last days. And for how generous Mr. Robertson appears, he would be on the list and here is why. On January 1, he annually has a prayer retreat, and then the next

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Who Is A Fool?

1. What do foolish people despise?

Proverbs 1:7 *"The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction."*

2. What do fools hate?

Proverbs 1:22 *"How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?"*

3. What does a fool think he is?

Proverbs 12:15 *"The way of a fool [is] right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel [is] wise."*

4. What does a fool delight in?

Proverbs 18:2 *"A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself."*

5. What is the first step in being foolish?

Proverbs 24:9 *"The thought of foolishness [is] sin: and the scorner [is] an abomination to men."*

BIBLE THOUGHT

Praise God

Psalms 117:1-2 *O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD [endureth] for ever. Praise ye the LORD.*

Though it is the shortest chapter in the whole Bible, only two verses, it contains some very powerful words.

Should we not be praising the Lord? But how often? 1 Peter 4:11 says in "all things". That is good time and bad because it all works for the glory of God. A depressed Christian is no different than a non-Christian. We should be happy always for God is in control.

And how great is His mercy towards us? We all do not deserve heaven. But it is made possible by the mercy of God. That is the greatest reward anyone should covet. And coveting heaven is allowed (1 Corinthians 12:31). We have all come short of the glory of God. But *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9). Of course if we do not, His mercy of forgiveness is not given. We reject His mercy. He is still merciful to us for allowing us to continue to live. We may even receive

show he reveals what God had predicted for the year. At the end of the year, he compares himself, at least he used to, to the tabloid predictions. They usually come in around 15% accurate while Mr. Robertson comes in at around 85%. Sounds pretty good, except according to the verse above, God's grade is 100% or fail. In fact, the last prediction I listened to personally was for the re-election of George Bush in 1992. The prediction at the beginning of the year was a win by a landslide. Not only was it not a landslide, George lost. Then Mr. Robertson made the news on predicting George W. Bush would win easily with a large margin in 2004. Having everyone hold their breath over an Ohio recount is not an easy victory. In fact, many races were close. There was nothing large. Now he makes the news again by predicting "possibly a tsunami". If you want a "Thus Saith the Lord", then here it is: 2 Peter 1:19 says, *"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day stars arise in your hearts."* The use of "possible" and another reference in the article of "If I heard the Lord right"

does not sound like a sure word. Therefore, by God's standard in Deuteronomy, be not afraid of Mr. Robertson, in other words, do not be listening to him for he does not speak for God even though he says he does.

»World Net Daily, May 18, 2006 - Teen births continue to decline

Reported teen births and sexual activity has decreased every year since 1991, although the decline has slowed and the rate actually increased among teens under 15.

COMMENT: So this is actually bad news. Serious sexual activity is happening sooner and sooner. It is being spread over earlier teens making the overall rate to be in question. Galatians 5:19 says, *"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness"*. The flesh attraction or lust in general is helped by the sexual agenda. The sexual agenda is having its affect. Earlier and earlier children are being exposed to it verbally, visually, and physically.



ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)

QUESTION #1 – To add onto last month's main article, consider Proverbs 24:29.

ANSWER #1 – Last month's main article dealt with personally not seeking revenge although for societal sake, those that do wrong must pay the price. You may forgive a murderer for killing a relative, but he still needs to go to jail before he kills again.

But we do see that Proverbs 24:29 is the principle that Jesus explained. *"Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work."* It is not about getting even personally. A Christian turns the cheek. A Christian walks two miles when compelled to walk only one.

QUESTION #2– Why should a Christian avoid things like bars, hot spots, and some even suggest movies? Are we not protected by God from temptation?

ANSWER #2– Based upon Proverbs 22:5, *"Thorns [and] snares [are] in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them,"* thus a Christian avoids those things. You avoid getting burned by staying

away from things that are hot. You avoid falling by staying away from edges of buildings and cliffs. A pastor told us that he used to get poison ivy reactions every summer, but not any more. Asking how he was able to gain victory over such, he replied, "I stay out of it."

Take Jesus as our example. Matthew 4:5-7 *Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

So to purposely go where sin is and thus purposely be tempted, no God will not deliver us in most cases because we are now tempting the Lord.

QUESTION #3 – I hear a lot about a future Antichrist misleading the Jews, but as I read in 1 and 2 John where

Antichrist activities are mentioned, it looks more like a battle with Christians. Can you please explain?

ANSWER #3 – The verses and context that you refer to are as follows:

1 John 2:18-22 *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would [no doubt] have continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

1 John 4:1-6 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

2 John 1:7-9 *For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*

First of all, Antichrist is real. Second of all, according to every verse in the Bible containing the word Antichrist there is nothing about massing armies together. In

fact, it is all a spiritual challenge and Revelation confirms this

Revelation 17:12-13 *And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

The beast or antichrist beast gathers ten kings, literally or symbolically, but is it for physical war? No. It is to think the same for they have one mind.

With one mind, according to the books of John, they teach a different doctrine as compared to what Jesus Christ taught. They lead people into error, denying the Father and the Son through actions (Titus 1:16), they lead people to do worldly things and not overcome sin, and they lead people into lies and away from the truth.

Paul even saw this. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

In this, God sends or permits strong delusion and so much so that people believe a lie. Frequently through the Bible God is blamed for many uncharacteristic acts. It is only because He is ultimately responsible. He was responsible for hardening Pharaoh's heart, but He really did not do it. Pharaoh rejected God's messenger.

So in permitting strong delusion, He is permitting the false teachers and prophets.

Now you mention that this is for Christians and not Jews. Ask yourself, are most preachers teaching people to live like the world today? Absolutely. They say, you are saved in your sins, you accepted Jesus years ago and so no need to sacrifice your lifestyle. In other words, you can serve God and mammon when Jesus says you cannot. This is why many want to be a Christian today. This is also why many do not want to be bothered with Christianity as well. Jesus taught to go and sin no more.

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good gifts. But the greatest gift, yeah, the blessings of the Lord are hindered by our stubbornness.

And how long does the truth endure? Forever! Or are you caught up in the political correctness? What is your stance on sin that society is now accepting as tolerable and even acceptable? Only those who love the truth shall the Lord allow to live for "them that perish because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

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How many revivals do you hear a preacher say that at? Not many.

Paul says, “*the mystery of iniquity doth already work*” (2 Thessalonians 2:7), and John says, “*even now are there many antichrists*” (1 John 2:18). Antichrist is not future. It is now. Though not fully revealed, it is active.

Now is there a physical component? Absolutely. What antichrist and the ministers of antichrist cannot achieve by influence, torture is used. “*And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration*” (Rev. 17:6).

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