



"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE (Daniel 3:5)



A look at one of Satan's instruments of conformity in the last days.

John the revelator draws a parallel between spiritual

Israel and physical Israel regarding a Babylon experience. It is mentioned six times in the book of Revelation (14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:2, 18:10, and 18:21). We know that it is not solely physical Israel because the contents of Revelation were "signified" (Revelation 1:1) and not simply recorded as fact. During the Babylonian captivity of physical Israel, an image was erected to be worshipped ("Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold" Daniel 3:1). Revelation also makes a parallel to a spiritual image that will be and is in the process of being erected ("that they should make an image to the beast"

Revelation 13:14). Nonconformity to the worship of the physical image resulted in death (Daniel 3:6) in literal Babylon. So likewise, those that do not conform to the worship of the end-time image will be sought for to be put to death ("that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" Revelation 13:15). Another parallel is that there would be a

unifying of the world. In Daniel's day, "Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up" (Daniel 3:2). In the last days, it is represented in 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." It is also in Revelation 18:3, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

We have extra insight on what helps unite the representatives together, for man left to himself would not want to unite but rather conquer and strive for the supremacy. What is that insight? "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles

which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live" (Revelation 13:13-14). This is referring to none other than satanic influences. Why? Because he "deceiveth them that dwell on the earth." God does not deceive people; Satan does.

In contrast, what power was behind the working of miracles after fire came down upon the disciples? "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4). It was the Holy Spirit.

According to Revelation 13:13-14, a deceptive spirit is working with credit being given to the Holy Spirit. They are thus confirmed in their ways because they believe "God is working mighty miracles in their sight." Jesus

The Best Meat

John 4:34-38 "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and [then] cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

spoke on it as well. Matthew 24:5 “For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” Matthew 24:11 “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” Matthew 24:23-24 “Then if any

man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, [That] at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.” Did you catch it? All kinds of music were used. Thus music will be an end time snare while credit will be given to the Holy Spirit.

Dear Reader, may we realize that music during the church service and even in our homes needs to be carefully selected.

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“Thus Saith the Lord...” Ministries’ purpose is to strengthen the faith in God’s Word by reaching out to the communities through our newsletter (since 1998) as well as through our evangelistic seminars (since 1994). It is to help keep those that are discouraged about things they see inside the church from leaving, to ground those that are new or have not heard of these things before, and to strengthen those that are already grounded.

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These miracles are vast but could this false spirit be influencing the wrong unity through other mediums? Let us dig deeper into the physical Babylonian captivity and even into the time frame of the golden image to see if anything else is revealed. Reading Daniel 3, we see a device that was used to bring on conformity. Daniel 3:1-6 “Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height [was] threescore cubits, [and] the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which

***SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES* (John 5:39)**

By Faith (Hebrews 11:4-40)

1. Who obeyed in offering the specific sacrifice that pleased God without compromise? **Hebrews 11:4, Genesis 4:4**
2. Despite the corruption that was in the world, who survived the temptations from Satan and was rewarded with translation? **Hebrews 11:5, Genesis 5:24**
3. Despite the wickedness of man and being greatly outnumbered, who continued to do what God asked him to do, in spite of the fact that everyone else thought he was crazy trying to defy science? **Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 6:13-14**
4. Who left family and friends behind to follow God wherever He would lead? **Hebrews 11:8, Genesis 12:1**
5. Who was willing to do what God asked despite no scientific solution to how God would fulfill His promise? **Hebrews 11:17, Genesis 13:16**
6. To follow the call of God, who was willing to forsake one of the top positions in the kingdom, riches galore, the many subordinates, and overall, being well taken care of? **Hebrews 11:24-26, Exodus 2:11-15**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Who Will Reign?

1. Who is to live in us? **Galatians 2:20** "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

2. Who are we, by the grace of God, to rid ourselves of? **Ephesians 4:22** "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;" **Matthew 16:24** "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."
3. By the power of Christ, what should we do to that foe? **Romans 6:6** "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that

the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.", **Colossians 3:9** "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds."

4. How often did Paul wrestle with this foe? **1 Corinthians 15:31** "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily."

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



[NEWSTART]

TEMPERANCE

Moderation should be exercised in all the habits of daily

life: diet, work, sleep, study, and dress.

And every man that striveth for the mastery [over sin] is temperate in all things. (1 Corinthians 9:25)

From this, we see that sin cannot be overcome while being intemperate.

Habits of healthful living: Study and learn how to intelligently care for the body, using the Bible as your owner's manual. BIBLE: Basic Instructions

Before Leaving Earth

ALCOHOL:

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1)

Did you know...?

- Alcohol poisons every tissue of the body: the brain and nervous system, the heart, the liver, the gastrointestinal tract, and the immune system.
- Alcohol causes the red blood cells to clump together, slowing the circulation of the red blood cells throughout the body.

- The frontal lobes of the brain are the most sensitive to alcohol's effects. This is most important because the Holy Spirit communicates to man through the frontal lobes -- the conscience.

Breaking Unhealthful Habits: God's Health Laws [NEWSTART] also aid in overcoming these common withdrawal symptoms: Irritability, restlessness, anxiety, drowsiness, difficulty with sleep, concentration difficulties, confusion, constipation, diarrhea, nicotine cravings.

God's Health Laws Help You Be Temperate:

HAGERSTOWN BIBLE REVIVAL SEMINAR UPDATE

We are well under way with the Hagerstown, Maryland meetings. After taking out a full-page ad and sending out 2,500 flyers, which not only advertised the meetings but offered Bible studies and other options, a nice crowd is turning out. We are also receiving a good return on the correspondence Bible studies, which includes two so far from prisons. We could use your prayers for more seminar attendees, and we also could use some more of your financial assistance.

The estimated budget for the seminar amounted to **\$10,773**. We were able to save **\$1,667.33** with postage discounts and a less expensive newspaper advertisement. However, we did need to spend another **\$350.00** for portable A-frame sign, which can also be used in future seminars. We have received **\$2,519.70** so far and appreciate it very much, but we are continuing the appeal for assistance for the remaining **\$6,935.97**. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity and thank you to those that have already contributed.

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Exercise: On a regular basis in the fresh air.

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Sunshine and Air: Breathe deeply outside in the fresh air.

Rest: Get plenty of rest as fatigue aggravates stress and makes giving into temptations easier.

Trust In God: Pray before, during, and after the temptation.

HEALTH AND COOKING TIPS:

MSG – Monosodium Glutamate is found in many processed products. It is also disguised as “Natural Flavors.”

A flavoring agent that may cause: headaches, chilling, sweating, diarrhea, chest pain, and possible genetic damage. It was removed from baby foods in 1969. *Nutrition for Vegetarians, Dr. Agatha Thrash*

WHEY - It is found in many processed products. It is 1) Slime, muck 2) The thin, watery part of milk, that separates from the thicker part (curds) after coagulation. *Webster Dictionary* (Notice that it is the waste product of milk).

ONE OF OUR FAVORITE RECIPES:

Popcorn Seasoning – Adapted from Nature’s Banquet

Double this recipe and store in a large container for use in soups and gravies

as a chicken flavoring substitute. For popcorn, have some available in a shaker container to sprinkle over the popcorn after spraying it with olive oil. A pump sprayer is handy for this.

1½. Nutritional Yeast Flakes
3 t. Onion Powder
1 t. Celery Flakes
2¼. Garlic Powder
¼. Marjoram
2 t. Paprika
2 t. Parsley Flakes
3 T. Salt
1 T. Sugar (we use date sugar)

Whiz in blender all ingredients until very fine.

ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH *(Daniel 10:21)*



QUESTION #1 – Needmore, PA – What is the definition of *Abba*? I have heard “Father” and “Daddy.”

ANSWER #1 – “Abba” appears three times in the entire Bible. The answer is the same in all three references. Mark 14:36 “*And he said, Abba, Father, all things [are] possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.*” Romans 8:15 “*For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*” Galatians 4:6 “*And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*”

QUESTION #2 – Duncannon, PA – Why doesn’t the Bible convert everyone that reads it and studies it especially atheists?

ANSWER #2 – We will provide two

of several reasons. Proverbs 1:7 “*The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction.*” If one does not believe in God, the Bible says that knowledge, even that of the Bible, will be allusive. Romans 8:7 “*Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*” Those that want to hang onto the carnal mind will not allow God to be their Master, so condemnation will be placed upon the Bible with such phrases as: “it is a book of fables”, “there are errors in the Bible”, and others.

QUESTION #3 – Harrisburg, PA – Why does God permit people to be born into this sinful world when we didn’t commit the sin? Why should we suffer for Adam’s fall?

ANSWER #3 – He could have wiped out Adam and Eve, put another pair of humans in a recreated planet giving the next couple a fair chance since sin entered the first one, and test them. Since God loves us (1 John 4:11), He

would have tested another pair, and another, etc. until he collected all those that past the test that He wanted. The second option would be to make all humans subject to Adam’s sin and allow one person to pay the price. Obviously God chose the later and is summarized in 1 Corinthians 15:21-23 “*For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.*” This is the better deal for consider this, Adam and Eve committed one recorded sin – How many have you committed?

QUESTION #4 – Harrisonville, PA – In lesson 5, *Nailing It To His Cross*, I could not find anything to substantiate the claim that Jesus would literally fulfill each feast day nor is Hebrews 10:1-10 focusing on Holydays and Feast Days.

ANSWER #4 – You are correct that in Hebrews 10:1-10 there is nothing obvious to substantiate the claim that Jesus would literally fulfill the feast days or even that Hebrews 10:1-10 is a discussion of feast days and holydays. The claim is actually made off of the phrase in Hebrews 10:1 “*a shadow of good things to come.*” Tracing it would lead to Colossians 2:16-17 “*Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ.*” According to Colossians, the holydays and Sabbath days pointed to Christ via the phrase “*a shadow of things to come,*” which is reference to the fact that these things were pointing to something or someone to come. The “*Sabbath Days*” is where feast days is understood because Leviticus 23 refers to each of the seven feasts as an additional Sabbath of rest (verses 8, 11, 24, 25, 28, 31, 32, and 39).

QUESTION #5 – Harrisonville, PA – I could find nowhere in 1 Corinthians 5:7 where Jesus fulfills the feast of unleavened bread. The context is a case of immorality in the church. Paul

says that the Corinthian church should remove this person from their midst and “*deliver him to Satan*”. In verse six he says that a little leaven (sin) destroys the whole lump (church). Then in verse seven he commands them to get rid of the old leaven (the sinner in their midst). In the last part of the verse he says, “*for even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us*”. Before the Passover began the Jews did a thorough search to get rid of all leaven in the house. Paul points out that “*Christ, our Passover*” has already been sacrificed (aorist tense – past time) for us. It is therefore time (and past time!) that all leaven (sin – immorality) be put away! Verse eight then says that we should keep on keeping the feast (of unleavened bread) [the verb here is present tense – ongoing, repeated action.

ANSWER #5 – 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 “*Your glorying [is] not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but*

with the unleavened [bread] of sincerity and truth.”

You actually helped clarify that concept without noticing it. Christ our Passover who was sacrificed on Calvary years prior to the Corinthian problem provides for the means of purging sin. As soon as Jesus died, His blood is used to purge our sins, which are dead works (Hebrews 9:14).

Why did the Jews search for leaven and remove it from the house? It symbolically represented sin. For this particular feast, they were given an object lesson on purging sin by purging their homes of leaven. This pointed to the fact that Jesus would be the one purging our houses (bodies) of sin.

What purges the sin from the sinner? Hebrews 1:2-3 “*Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*”

YE HAVE HEARD THAT ANTICHRIST SHALL COME (1 John 2:18)

#34 Daniel 7:21-22 “*I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the*



Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints

possessed the kingdom.”

Which kingdom will the saints possess? Daniel 2:44 “*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*” Daniel 7:27 “*And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the*

kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.” It is God’s kingdom.

When will they possess it? Matthew 16:28 “*Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.*” It is at

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