

Catching Up on Some Emails

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Good morning everyone. Thank you again for taking time to listen to the message this morning. I want to remind you again that Kingdom Conference 2021 is just around the corner. The third month of the pagan year on the 18th through the 21st and we will be Lord willing, meeting again at the Maranatha Bible Camp and Retreat Center - which is located in Everton, Missouri - which is about 35 minutes northwest of Springfield, Missouri. If you are planning to attend, we would really appreciate it if you would let us know. We've heard from some more folks this past week who have made some reservations and we certainly do appreciate it.

I want to thank those of you who sent in well-wishes to our oldest son, Josh, who we had his marriage celebration for last weekend. We had a really nice time. My son, Josh, has always been the male family comedian of the family and I was so pleased at how serious my son was and attentive to the message that I delivered last weekend. I told my wife that I cannot ever recall Joshua being so serious and it was just a great thing. His bride was beautiful and she sent me a little note prior to the ceremony letting me know that a grandchild should be here, Lord willing, sooner than later.

In fact, our family has one of the neatest potentials for the upcoming year. We have two married daughters and now we have two daughter-in-laws and there is a possibility that all four of them could be expecting in 2021 as each of them have expressed their desires to us towards that end. Wow. That would be just awesome if that were to take place. The thought of it is almost overwhelming - but what a blessing that would be.

I don't expect you to remember this, but a couple of weeks ago, maybe even a month, I don't remember exactly, but I told you that there were several things that were taking place that I wanted to talk to you about, but I just needed to take the time to try to get it all said. I think, before, I begin a new series, I will take the hour today and let you know some of the things that I was talking about then - and then - address some of the things that have come up even this week.

If you write to me, you know that I always respond to your emails. And, a lot of time, most of the time, you'll get a response within 24 hours - that is - unless - your email got lost in the email black hole somewhere. And yes, there is an email black hole. Not every email makes it to the recipient - everytime. So, if you send me an email and don't get a

reply quickly - or at least within 24 hours - it's always a good idea to resend it - just in case it never arrived - or - maybe I just missed it.

Lately, I've been responding to an email, again, with the subject of "Satan, the devil, etc." And, I feel like I want to revisit this - to make absolutely certain that everyone understands the conclusion regarding whatever that entity was - in light of the perspective - which is absolutely the correct perspective of the Scripture - being that Jesus / Yeshua - was the Christ - Who physically walked on this earth in the first century - and He fulfilled all the prophecies - from the garden - to Abraham - to Moses - to David - to Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel - through Zechariah, Zephaniah, Haggai and Malachi - this Jesus - this Yeshua - fulfilled every single prophecy in the first century - just like HE HIMSELF SAID - and just like the prophets said.

The prophecy concerning the destruction of the devil, Satan, or whatever name you want to place on that entity - that prophecy was fulfilled in the first century - prior to the last prophecy being fulfilled with the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem at AD70.

Will you turn with me please to I Corinthians 15? And we will begin in verse 1.

While you are turning there, I want to say something regarding my belief system concerning this entity, Satan, the devil, and as I always say, whatever you want to call him, it, or whatever.

I do believe - and listen now - whether this is Biblically accurate or not - because the reality is - it does not matter - but I do believe - there is sufficient evidence to conclude that there was - there was - some sort of entity - possibly a fallen angel - and debate could be had even concerning what an angel is - but possibly there was a supernatural being of some kind - at one time - that did roam the earth and possibly even the heavens - and that entity was the embodiment of evil - and caused men to do evil things - possibly enticed men to do evil things - and was possibly even created by Yahweh Himself for the purpose of enticing or leading men to do evil things. There is a possibility that some sort of entity like that did exist at one time.

But - whether there was such an entity - or whether that is simply Catholic mythology - in the New Covenant World - it makes no difference whatsoever - because whatever Satan with a capital S - existed or not - in the New Covenant World - no such entity exists. And, if someone has taken their belief system from "churchianity's" definition of

Satan, the devil, or whatever, I'll assure you that that definition is not Biblical at all. "Churchianity's" Satan or the devil, is a tool of churchianity designed to cause people to live in fear. "If you don't do what the quote "church" wants you to do, then the devil's gonna get you." Teresa and I like to get together with my Mom and my brother and not all of our children enjoy card games - but the ones that do - when we are at the table playing card games, we like to listen to music while we play. And some "church" song came on the Youtube playlist the other day and the sang said something about "the devil's gonna get you..." And we just looked at each other and rolled our eyes at the sheer stupidity of it. Now, if you are still holding on to that - while I'm trying to reach you with Biblical truths, I don't want you to get mad at me and think that I just called YOU stupid.

I'm trying to reach you and don't want to alienate you - especially when you are seeking truth - but the "church's" teachings on this subject are - well - they're stupid. They aren't serious. They aren't well thought out. They are stupid and are designed to keep people in fear and through fear bound to the quote "church."

On this side of the first century - there is no entity - whether one ever existed or not - there is no entity called Satan with a capital S, or the devil as in some supernatural spirit being running around causing men to do bad things - and if that isn't bad enough - there is no devil that is ordained by God to be the present ruler of this world. And, ultimately, that is the worst part about believing in such an entity. That's why the quote "devil" is such a huge money-maker in Hollywood. The existence of the quote "devil" is one of the greatest tools of the enemies of Christ in keeping from finding the present-day reality of the One True King and His Kingdom. No, no, no - quote Satan, the devil, is NOT the prince of the power of the air, it is not the ruler of this present world today.

I Corinthians 15, verse 1:

[1] Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

[2] By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

[3] For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

[4] And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

[5] And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

[6] After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

I hope that in this discussion - for those of you who already have it settled - you know there is no quote Satan or devil in this world today - I hope that when we read verse 6 - you said, "Aha, there it is. There's another example." Yes. Here's another example of something I pointed out regarding the clear truth - that Christ has done away with death. After Christ raised Lazarus from the dead, only in a couple very rare instances from that point forward in the Scriptures - was the closing of the eyes for one final time - the last breath taken - only in a couple rare times - does the Bible call that death. Since the raising of Lazarus and the Christ's Own resurrection - those who take their final breath in this body - those in Christ - are said to fall asleep. For those who are in Christ - we will not die. Listen, now, yes, the body quote "dies" - but just like so many other parts of our vocabulary that we should constantly be conforming to Scriptural language - death should be replaced with sleep. And in all reality - on this side of the great resurrection day - which took place around AD70 - those of us on this side - probably don't even fall asleep. Paul was confident that to be absent from this body - was to be present with the Lord. So, we, on this side of AD70 - probably don't even fall asleep long enough to call it sleep. But, sleep is definitely a better reference than death for those who are in Christ. Verse 7.

[7] After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

[8] And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

[9] For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the ecclesia of God.

[10] But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

[11] Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

[12] Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

[13] But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

[14] And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

[15] Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: Whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

Here's the difference between our faith and the faith of so many other belief systems. Our Lord - was executed by the state - murdered by the state - at the demands of the religious leaders - He was placed in a borrowed tomb - which I think is just such an awesome thing to consider - Jesus, Yeshua was not placed in His Own tomb - He didn't need one. He was placed in someone else's own new tomb - because Christ only needed it for a couple days. He rose, triumphantly over death, hell, the grave, over the principalities and powers who had just finished mocking and ridiculing Him and He came out of that tomb the victorious conquering King that He is and not only did He raise victoriously but the Scriptures say He made a public, open show of those phony powers and principalities that sought to shut Him up for good. And He was seen by at least 500 people - and we believe it. And it's this believe system that sets us apart from all others. He raised from the dead. And His resurrection from the dead was the single greatest event to take place in the history of mankind - and we believe. Verse 16.

[16] For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

[17] And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

[18] Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

[19] If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

[20] But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

[21] For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

[22] For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

[23] But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Again, this is why I can barely get through a message of any kind, on any Biblical subject, without saying something about why knowing when the coming of Christ is so important. Knowing - beyond any shadow of a doubt - that His coming - the first one and the second one - took place in the first century is so vital in being able to understand the Scriptures. His Resurrection and His second coming - knowing when those two events occurred - if you don't understand that there was just a mere forty years between those two occurrences - there will be so many holes in the Scripture - that it will be nearly impossible to understand the purpose and the Will of God for His Creation.

[24] Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and

power.

The end of what? Then cometh the end of what? There is only one thing in all Scripture that quote "the end" refers to and that is the end of the world - the end of the Old Covenant age. Every single thing in Scripture is about teaching the end of the Old Covenant World - then the establishment of the New Covenant World where Christ put down all rule and all authority - rule and authority that was allowed by negative consent in the Old Covenant World - the World - the age - where Yahweh allowed the nations to walk in their own ways - but when the One True King - the promised One Who came in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant - when He came - and when by His Own Resurrection He triumphed over the greatest worldly power the world had ever known up to that time - when the One True King came - He took all the kingdoms of the world back - and He became the Only Potentate and King allowed in the New Covenant World. Not only is He King of kings and Lord of lords, but He is the LAST of the kings that God allows men to have in this New World that He established in the first century.

And again, come on, friends, the whole entire world - the pagans, the heathen, every single one of them refer to the time where Christ walked on this earth - every single one of them - whether they still mock Him or not - every one of them date their existence by calling that time period the first century. It's called the first century because it was the end of the Old World and the beginning of the New World. This world has completely lost the meaning and understanding of what the first century of the New World means - and it's our job to teach our generation exactly what it means.

It means that Christ is King and besides Him there is no other. And it's way past time that start living accordingly. Verse 25.

[25] For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under his feet.

[26] The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

John chapter 11, please. Keeping in mind that the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Satan, the devil, whatever you want to call it - is no doubt an enemy of Christ. I don't think I've ever heard anyone, anywhere speak to the contrary. Verse 1, John 11. I love, love, love, this story.

[1] Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

[2] (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet

with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

[3] Therefore his sisters sent unto Him, saying, Lord, behold, he Whom thou lovest is sick.

[4] When Jesus heard that, He said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

[5] Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

[6] When He had heard therefore that he was sick, He abode two days still in the same place where He was.

[7] Then after that saith He to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

[8] His disciples say unto Him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

[9] Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

[10] But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

[11] These things said He: and after that He saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

[12] Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

See, here it is again. These guys still didn't understand that as far as Christ was concerned those who are quote "dead" in Christ - are merely asleep. They were thinking that since Lazarus was sick, it was good that he was resting. But, verse 13,

[13] Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that He had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

[14] Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

[15] And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

[16] Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with Him.

[17] Then when Jesus came, He found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

[18] Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

[19] And many of the Judahites came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

[20] Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him: but Mary sat still in the house.

Everytime I read this, I can't help but think that Mary stayed inside because she was

mad. She was miffed. She knew that Jesus / Yeshua could have healed her brother if He had come at once. But He didn't, and I think she was mad. I think Martha, who no doubt heard her sister's anger, was possibly the more diplomatic of the two sisters and said what Mary was thinking, but maybe just more diplomatically.

[21] Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

[22] But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

[23] Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

[24] Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Hmm, Martha. What last day? What last day are you talking about? Thank you, Martha, for helping us - on this side of the last day - to understand what you meant and what is meant by the phrase the last day, the last days, the end times, etc., the last day was the last day of the last days of the Old Covenant World. That's when the final resurrection for those who died fallen asleep in Christ, in the Old World - that's when they were resurrected just like Paul explained in I Corinthians 15. The resurrection - the general resurrection of the quote dead - was for those who died in Christ - or those who quote "died" looking forward to Christ - that resurrection was for them. It is not for us. In the New World - there is no resurrection for those in Christ. You close your eyes, you take your last breath - and you are immediately in the presence of Yahweh and His Son.

When king David closed His eyes - he went to the grave and stayed there until the resurrection that took place on the last day of the last days of the Old Covenant World. Same with Moses. Same with Abraham, same with Jeremiah and Isaiah. Some of them were resurrected at the crucifixion of Christ - but all of them were resurrected and in the presence of Christ at AD70 when He returned to Jerusalem to be revealed as King of kings and Lord of lords and every eye saw Him at that time - and all those who had killed the prophets before - the saints and the wicked according to Daniel 12 were resurrected and they all saw the Lord's Christ and what an event that was.

Back to John 11:25

[25] Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

[26] And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

Oh how I love those Words of our Lord.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

And knowing Himself what an unbelievable thing He had just said to Martha, He looked at her and said.

Believest thou this?

And I ask you again today. Just like our Lord asked Martha - and for the benefit of His disciples and the Judahites that had come to comfort Mary and Martha,

Believest thou this?

I'm telling you that getting the correct answer makes all the difference in the world. If you truly believe this, if this is truly a part of your faith,, your system of belief, then it makes all the difference in the world. Never, never, should we as followers of Christ, allow ourselves to get caught up with the world in thinking that if a man is quote "dead" - if that man is in Christ - he is not dead - but he simply fell asleep for a minute - for a second - then he was in the presence of his Lord.

[27] She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Once again, the awesome importance of her answer has got to be driven home. She did not say, Yea, Lord, I believe thou art Jesus, or Yeshua. Her answer was that He was Christ. He was the fulfillment of the prophecies - from Moses to Malachi - to John the Baptist - He was the Christ.

We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

[42] And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, He said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

[43] The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow Me.

[44] Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

[45] Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found Him, of Whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

[46] And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

[47] Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in Whom is no guile!

[48] Nathanael saith unto Him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

[49] Nathanael answered and saith unto Him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Listen, Martha, didn't say she found the One Who would be coming someday as the Christ - the King - she didn't say, Yea, Lord, a couple thousand years from now, you'll be coming back here as King. No. No. No.

Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which [was prophesied that] should come into the world.

She found the One Who was prophesied and the One Who came because He was One and the same.

Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

He is King - right now. He has put all enemies under His feet. He is the One Who is supposed to be ruling and reigning right now in the New Covenant World. God didn't allow His Son to go through everything He went through in the first century - only to turn right back around and say that the present ruler of this world is some impudent, piece of dirt, snake called Satan or the devil.

He is King. Jesus is King. Yeshua is King. It is the enemies of Christ who insist on some Satan or some devil as being ordained by God to be the ruler of this world today. This gives men the faulty, fatal mentality that it's okay for evil to proliferate because God is allowing it, because God has ordained some Satan or some devil to rule this current world until some day when He returns as quote "king" to do away with all His enemies.

He already did it. He's not doing it again. Flip over a chapter to John 12. Look at verse

26. The Words of Christ.

If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve Me, him will my Father honour.

[27] Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

[28] Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

[29] The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

[30] Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes.

[31] Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

NOW, NOW, NOW, Christ, NOW shall the prince of this world be cast out. Why? Why was the prince of the world cast out - at that time?

[so that] if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.

Go back to Luke 10, please and let's look at verse 1.

[1] After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come.

[2] Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into his harvest.

[3] Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

[4] Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

[5] And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

[6] And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

[7] And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

[8] And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

[9] And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is

come nigh unto you.

[10] But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

[11] Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

[12] But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

[13] Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

[14] But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

[15] And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

[16] He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me.

[17] And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

[18] And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

[19] Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

[20] Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

This is what took place in the first century. This what Paul was talking about from I Corinthians 15. Whatever this Satan was, whatever this devil was, whatever these enemies were - they were defeated. We, as followers of Christ in the New Covenant World, we've got to stop resurrecting these defeated foes.

These precepts, these false doctrines, were created by the enemies of Christ to keep people from finding, from bowing down to, and from serving the One True King. Believing that there is a quote "Satan" that was created by God and given power to rule this present world is responsible for keeping multitudes and multitudes of men and women, boys and girls, from finding the One True King and His Kingdom.

He's not a coming King that has yielded His power to some mythological Satan or devil for a time being until He returns again. That's false, churchianity that keeps people from

finding the King.

Turn to Romans 16. Many of you, Lord willing, know where I am headed here. We will begin in verse 17, knowing assuredly that this book written to Christians living in ecclesia in the area of land commonly known as Rome, the following is said:

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

This is a very - for lack of a better word - scary place to be found. It is a serious thing to hold to doctrines that are not founded in Scripture. Sadly, I use to say “almost everything that has come from the quote “church” are doctrines which the early disciples had not known - but as the quote “church” and the “churchmen” are revealed more and more for exactly what they are - minions of the state - I'm about ready to expand my statement from “almost everything” to just “everything.” Everything they teach is doctrine that is contrary to the doctrine learned by the first century saints. This doctrine of Satan, the devil, or whatever that has sprung from the Catholic quote “church” then advanced by all the rest of them, quote Protestant or whatever label - is not the doctrine once delivered to the sains. Verse 18.

[18] For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

We've certainly seen enough of this to last multiple lifetimes. Good words and fair speeches - derived right from their 501(c)(3) government owned pulpits. Verse 19.

[19] For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

[20] And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

There it is. The second to the last verse we'll go to this morning. To the Christians living in Rome -

the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

How much easier can this be stated? Whatever this entity was - whether you believe it was some supernatural spirit being - or whatever - the Scripture says - as clearly and as

plainly as anything can be said in the Scripture - Satan was going to be bruised - crushed completely - under their feet - AND - if that wasn't enough - shortly.

For someone to continue to hold to this false doctrine - they have to take this one verse of Scripture - where Paul just said - be wise and simple concerning this belief - this is simple - for someone to continue to hold to a quote "Satan" belief on this side of AD70 - they have to create another definition for the God of peace, another definition for bruise - other than crush completely which is what it means in the Greek - and another definition for shortly. Look, I am not willing to do any of that, and I hope you aren't either.

The Scriptures say that whatever this Satan was - it was bruised - crushed completely - under the feet of the first century Christians living in Rome - it's simple. This is what happened. Do we believe the Bible, or not?

Finally, Hebrews chapter 2. We will read verses 13-15.

And again, I will put my trust in Him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given Me.

[14] Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

[15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Now, if we still want to continue on with this "churchianity" Satan, devil, doctrine - then the only way to do it - is this. Deny that Jesus was the Christ that came in the flesh. Trade Jesus, Yeshua for a coming jewish messiah - and then we can take everything we've seen today and place it in the future. Which is exactly what every single quote "churchman" who teaches that Satan or the devil is present ruler of this world - that's exactly what they do. They teach that Jesus is a coming King - and that Satan rules the current world. And someday, when the jewish messiah comes - He will set it all straight.

Can we not see what utter blasphemy this is? This doctrine basically teaches that Jesus, Yeshua, the One Who came in the first century was basically an impotent man that changed nothing. He came. He did some miracles. They even give lip-service to His death, burial and resurrection - but then He left here - left it all in the hands of this so-called Satan or devil - left him or it or whatever it is - to wreak havoc on the earth - then

someday in the pie-in-the-sky He'll come back and set it straight. But until then, we just have to go with the flow and live in Satan's world and hope that Satan leaves us alone so we can play quote "church."

The false doctrine of Satan, the devil is a doctrine that denies the all conquering, finished work of Christ. It denies His Kingship and His Kingdom. The same ones who preach a coming king - also preach a current Satan - and this doctrine is not the doctrine delivered to the saints.

I realize I'm running out of time this morning and I haven't began on the other topics I wanted to discuss this morning.

I will continue you this, Lord willing, next week. This, and the other topics I had hoped to discuss. But I want to stress again - and again - this is a conclusion that we need to come to in regards to what it means that the end of the world - the end of the age - the end of the Old Covenant age occurred in the first century. These are the implications. This is why it's so important that we understand these things.

The book of Romans. Corinthians, Ephesians, Galatians, etc., these books are not named this way to make us think that it's somehow okay for all these different quote "nations" to exist. Each with their own form of quote "government." One a monarchy, one a dictatorship, one a democracy, one a democratic republic - etc. etc.

These were Christians living in areas of the earth that just had names assigned to them. Is there anything wrong with our continent being named America? I don't think so. Unless America was the name of a pagan god. Then, I would say, yeah, it's time for a name change. These Christians that the book of Romans was written to were not citizens of Rome. They were not members of that society. They were Christian Israelites who were living in the area known as Rome. They weren't functioning, voting, Roman law-abiding citizens.

The Bible is a book about Israel. The Bible is a book written by Israelites - dictated to by the God of Israel.

Whether you are one who believes that white people are the descendants of Abraham or not - maybe you have never even heard of the concept - I've said this before - whether you are of the tree or whether you were grafted into the tree - if you are a follower of Christ - you must be - listen - you must be - you have to be - if you want to

be in Christ - you have to be a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel.

I need you to turn to Ephesians chapter 2 again in the brief amount of time we have left. Let's begin in verse 1:

[1] And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

[2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world,

And my question today is this - are you still walking according to the course of this world? What does that mean? It isn't hard. We don't need to analyze and reanalyze and scrutinize - do we still - even after we claim to have been quickened - brought out of our trespasses and sins - are we still walking according to the course of this world?

Whose laws are you submitting to? Where is your citizenship? Who do you obey? That's the course of this world. Have we turned away from the world to follow Christ and Christ alone? Or are we still living the same way as everyone else?

"Well, I don't smoke, I don't drink, I don't cuss."

Yeah, okay. That's barely scratching the surface on walking according to the course of the world. Even people in the world know you shouldn't smoke and drink. And a lot of worldly people don't cuss. That isn't what it means - and we all know it.

according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Disobedience to what? Again, simple. The King, the Kingdom and the Father's Laws. That's what the prince of the power of the air is - that's what the principalities - and maybe even easier for us to understand today - municipalities - that's what that means. Are you still walking after the course of this world - after the ordinances - so-called of the municipalities - the states - the cities - the rulers so-called of little g governments that are functioning against the Kingship and the Kingdom of Christ. What else could it mean? What other explanation can you come up with doing even cursory readings of the last 23 books of the Bible seeing how the preachers - the true preachers of this Gospel were in jail more than they were out.

[3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the

children of wrath, even as others.

[4] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith He loved us,

[5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

[6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

[7] That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

[8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

[9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

[11] Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Now watch - and again - I know I went on and used the word Gentiles there - but when we are in Christ - it no longer matters - it becomes a moot point - because -

[12] That at that time ye were without Christ,

He says there was a time when you were without Christ. You were in the flesh. You were of the Uncircumcision - and again - I'm pointing this out because of what I said earlier - whether you believe that Abraham was white or not - what matters is - before you came to Christ you were

[being] aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Before coming to Christ - you were not a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel. The object of the Bible is citizenship in the commonwealth of Israel. The whole book is about Israel. It's about being the Israel of God. That's what it's about.

[12] That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

[13] But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the

blood of Christ.

[14] For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

[15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

[16] And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

[17] And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

[18] For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Now, because of all this look at verse 19

[19] Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Now you have become fellowcitizens with the saints. And the saints are citizens of the commonwealth of Israel. You are no more strangers. You are no more aliens. You are now fellowcitizens of the commonwealth of Israel.

[20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

[21] In Whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

[22] In Whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

I Peter chapter 2 says exactly the same thing as these last three verses of Ephesians 2. I Peter 2 speaks of the nation, the holy generation, the people of God. We, who call ourselves Christians - followers of Christ - are supposed to be exclusive citizens of the commonwealth of Israel. I'm hearing from people concerned about the election or selection that took place in the U.S. as if that's somehow our country or our nation. For the follower of Christ - it's not our country - it's not our nation. We are strangers and aliens to them because we have become - through Christ - citizens of the commonwealth of Israel. If you carry around identification papers - they need to say the commonwealth of Israel on them.

If you call yourself a united states citizen. If you call yourself a citizen of Australia or a citizen of England - you are declaring yourself to be a stranger, a foreigner, an alien to the commonwealth of Israel - and friends - the Scripture says

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

The only hope we have is in Christ - the anointed One - the King - Whose name happens to be Jesus / Yeshua. Christians do not have presidents. They do not have congressmen - they have a King. They are not citizens of the world. They are not citizens of men's little g "governments." When men are citizens of little g "governments" they are without Christ, without hope, without God in the world.

This is not what Charlie Steward says. This is what God says. This is what the Bible says. The Good Shepherd is calling men and women, boys and girls who are strangers and aliens to the commonwealth of Israel - He's calling them out of the world - out of the sheepfold that is the world - to come out from among them - be ye separate - follow Him - and He will be our God and we will be His people.