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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

I hope you had a great last week. Accomplished many things and advanced in the Kingdom of Christ to some degree. Always trying to move forward. I hope you are always seeking, always trying to learn more and better ways to be faithful to our calling.

I had a particularly great week with emails. Several came in from new listeners - which - it's exciting to hear from everyone - but I do admit that it is particularly exciting to hear from new listeners.

There was some particularly interesting about several that came in. There were questions about the "devil/Satan" whatever someone wants to call whatever it was - that no longer exists since Jesus the Christ destroyed all enemies - put all enemies under His feet. And since He clearly defeated death - and the Scriptures say the last enemy to be destroyed was death - I'm not sure how people do not see that as clearly as it is in the Bible - but - but for that monster of deception called "church" - the world would not be in nearly as much deception as they are today.

I want to talk about this again for a few minutes this morning - because - it goes hand-in-hand with what we've been discussing lately - and that is "Who is Israel."

Friends, there is no devil. There is no Satan. There is no prince of darkness as in some evil twin of Jesus Christ - that flies around the world inhabiting people's bodies from time to time - the "church" calls it demon possession - or possessed by the devil - I can't even believe that I gave 2 seconds to that concept - but - yes - there are people out there who teach that Satan is the evil twin of Jesus.

All of that "satanic spirit world" is fairy tale - a world of make-believe that originated from the liars in the "church" and it's part of the giant deception that they have created because they do not know God, they have never known God, and all they can do is come up with a superficial understanding of the Bible which has never penetrated their hearts, it's never entered their minds - mainly because - even for those who were sincere - those who were truly seeking - coming through the doors of "church" and coming through the Door which is Jesus Christ are not the same thing.

Jesus said that those who did not come through His Door are robbers and thieves. They have created a religion - that's all it is - it's a religion that says the sound Jesus, it might even say the sound Yeshua, but it is religion that is not based on the truths contained in the Word of God which bring truth and light and freedom to those who find Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the King of the Commonwealth of Israel.

I have to tell you, when I hear "church" people talk about their devil - and that's how I say it - their devil - it's a comedy show to me. Just like I talked about last week, the Rocky and Bullwinkle show was Hollywood/CIA or whatever they were called back then - capturing the minds of the little kids back in the 60s and 70s with the archenemies Boris and Natasha - who were easily identified as the Russian villains.

"Church" is just like Rocky and Bullwinkle - and they have their archenemy - Satan - or belovedly called by his other name, "the devil." Everyone knows that Rocky and Bullwinkle were just cartoons. It's all make-believe, fairy tale. And that is exactly what "church" with their archenemy Satan, the devil, is.

I've mentioned this to you before. I want to play something for you. I found this today and played it for Teresa and I just laughed my head off. It's so funny. It's "church." Listen to this. I hope you find it as funny as I do. This is Flip Wilson from way back in the 70s maybe even late 60s. But the skit is about a preacher - he calls him rev - and he's married to a woman - who every time she does something he thinks she shouldn't do - she tells the preacher - "the devil made me do it." She had already bought two dresses that week and her preacher husband thought it was ridiculous that she would buy a third dress. Here's her answer to why she bought 3 dresses in one week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kaiLcwHXB4>

I just think that is so funny. But while it's funny, it's the truth. People actually believe in this devil, this "Satan" and if it weren't for this devil - they wouldn't be doing the things they are doing. They have to have this devil so they can have someone to blame for their sins. They need to make people believe there is this Satan, this leader of the underworld, who God has actually put in control of His Creation in the New Covenant World.

Friends this is one of the ways that - otherwise normal, thinking people - have been neutralized. When they are taught in their "churches" that for this present time - it is God who has put this Satan, this devil in charge of the world - then it is fruitless to resist

any evil. Just bide your time. Just wait it out. Because even though the devil is in charge right now - soon - some Jesus will be coming back to beat this devil up and set up his own one-world "government". So, in the meantime, just pray, go to "church", give your money to the "church" - which for the life of me I can't really figure out why they would need if a rapture is so imminent - but - well - you know - let's not really bother with any logic during a time like this.

Turn to Hebrews chapter 1 for a few minutes this morning, and let's once again take a look at this devil - from the what the Bible actually says - not from what has come from this beast of deception called "church." Hebrews chapter 1, beginning in verse 1:

[1] God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

[2] 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;

Once again, just as clearly as anything ever was in the Bible - the "last days" are inseparable from the first century - from the time where Jesus the Christ walked on this earth. Listen to how Mr. Tyndale translated these verses back in the 1400s.

1 God in tyme past diversly and many wayes spake vnto the fathers by Prophetes:
2 but in these last dayes he hath spoken vnto vs by his sonne whom he hath made heyre of all thinges: by who also he made the worlde.

3 Which sonne beyng the brightnes of his glory and very ymage of his substance bearinge vp all thinges with the worde of his power hath in his awne person purged oure synnes and is sitten on the right honde of the maiestie an hye

Notice how he worded verses 1 and 2 again. He says - very clearly - that is times past - he is referring to the Old Covenant World. He has to be because the Book of Hebrews is all about explaining the passing of the Old Covenant World and the establishing of the New. Things are not the same in the New Covenant World as they were in the Old. Verse one should be very helpful for people to understand that the prophets were in the Old Covenant World - but they are not in the New Covenant World. This is a deathknell to the charismaniacs in the world today - except for the fact that the charismaniacs do not care what the Word of God says. It doesn't matter that Acts chapter 2 clearly says that tongues was about every man hearing in their own language. It doesn't matter that the same chapter says - as clearly as anything ever was in the Bible - that the events taking place were events that were prophesied by the prophet

Joel for things that would occur in the last days. None of that matters - because when someone is taught how to “speak in tongues” in their charismaniac “church” - then - they finally get the courage to do it in front of a bunch of people - it's like a rush that an athlete gets when he scores a touchdown in front of 70,000 cheering people. It's a release of dopamine in the brain - and it's just like taking drugs. It's a experience of a high that when people are deceived into doing these things - everything that the Word of God says is thrown out - because their experience - “what happened to them” - supercedes all logic, supercedes all Bible knowledge. What the Bible says doesn't matter - because something magical happened to them. And the fairytale gains life and otherwise mature, thinking adult people - become enthralled in a world of make-believe that will prevent them from seeing and entering the Kingdom of God.

I've told you before. I can stand right here and tell you the names of many people that I have spoken to in my life - who have actually looked at me with a straight face - totally believing what they are saying - and telling me that they have actually “seen the devil.” And some of them have actually had physical wrestling matches with their devil. And when you encounter someone like that - just like a Flip Wilson Comedy Hour sketch - there is no amount of Bible that is going to convince them that all they had was a vivid, bad dream that was based on the hype that they were fed week after week after week when they play that game called “church.”

In the Old Covenant World, God spoke through the prophets. In the last days of the Old Covenant World, the beginning days of the New Covenant World, God spoke through His Son. Listen again to the Tyndale translation.

1 God in tyme past diversly and many wayes spake vnto the fathers by Prophetes:
2 but in these last dayes he hath spoken vnto vs by his sonne whom he hath made heyre of all thinges: by who also he made the worlde.

Verse 2, “but in these last days”... The word “but” says that's the way it was - this is the way it is. That is not difficult. That should not be hard to understand. There are no more prophets today. As in those to whom God spoke to tell the future. Everything that God wants us to know is written in His Word and seen in nature. The heavens declare - at that is still as valid today as it was when David realized it.

The Geneva Bible of 1599, translates Hebrews chapter 1, verse 1, this way:

At sundry times and in diuers maners God spake in the olde time to our fathers

by the Prophetes: in these last dayes hee hath spoken vnto vs by his Sonne,

The old time, the days of the Old Covenant. The days before God sent His Son, Jesus, to this earth. Those days, the days of Jesus, the Bible clearly calls them - "these last days."

Friends, it is not Biblically correct to add to the Word of God. The Bible - every time it speaks of "the last days" it speaks of the first century. It speaks of the days when Christ was sent. I'm telling you, to deny this, is to deny that Jesus Christ was sent in the flesh. This is a really big deal to say that "the last days" are any other time than the end of the Old Covenant World.

So, now that that Hebrews chapter 1 has been established - I should say the timing of Hebrews chapter 1. Turn to the next chapter. For those who have heard this so many times, you have the chapter memorized, please bear with me. We have a lot of new listeners that need to hear and see these passages. You know, I can't tell you how many people tell me they begin listening to message number 1 of the Matthew 24 series, which is great, that's what I recommend. And they get Fulfilled Bible Prophecy quickly - why? - because it's Bible - it's truth - and it's easy to see when people have seeking eyes - but then - they have such a desire to get quickly brought up to speed on all the different nuances and understandings and perspectives that change after you see Fulfilled Bible Prophecy in its simplicity - you see how they understand that everything they thought they knew was a lie - and they then start going back to the basics. Which is great. That is exactly what they need to do.

Because, if there is anything in your faith - in your system of belief - that has been shaped, molded or formed by that thing called "church" - you better throw it out - and start completely over again to make sure that what you believe actually comes from the Bible.

The Book of Hebrews is a very good place to start. So now, chapter 2, verse 1.

[1] Therefore

because of the foundation established in chapter 1:

we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

[2] For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and

disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

[3] How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

[4] God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

[5] For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

Hear again. Notice the language. The writer established that the last days were the days of Jesus. The last days of the Old Covenant World - and verse 5 tells us that the writer is speaking things concerning the world to come.

Friends, if a man cannot see the timetable that is established in these two chapters - he's not going to understand the Bible. It's impossible. Clearly, he won't understand the meaning of the last days. And he won't understand the meaning of the world to come.

Listen, if the last days are in our future - or we are in the last days right now - then the Messiah has not come. And most certainly, Jesus was not the Messiah. Jesus was not the Son of God. If the New World - the world to come - that Hebrews is talking about - has not come - then we are still in the Old World. This is just basic logic. It's basic thinking. I wouldn't even refer to it as critical thinking. It's just simple, basic logic.

Look again at the first several verses.

[1] Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

I'm not sure - maybe even many of us - don't really let this sink in. So far, this Book is talking about the last days - and the Word of Jesus Christ. The writer is saying we better give more earnest heed to these things - than even from what they had received from the prophets. Now, of course, we know that the prophets were confirmed in Christ. But he's trying to say how much more important are the Words of Jesus, than even of Moses, of Isaiah, of the prophets and the other messengers. Verse 2, the KJV translators say angels - messengers - even prophets would have been a far better translation -

[2] For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

Now watch verse 3 again:

[3] How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

The Words first spoken by the Lord. And when does the Bible say they were spoken? In the last days. If we get this wrong, the writer says How shall we escape?

It is a terrible thing, it's the worst thing of every bad thing, to deny Jesus Christ. To deny that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, in the last days, to do this, the writer of the Book of Hebrews says there is no escape from neglecting this so great salvation.

Keep going now, picking back up at verse 6.

[6] But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

It wasn't too long ago that we talked about this. Who was this one that testified to this? It was back in the Book of Psalms, chapter 8. Go back there, please. Begin with verse 1:

[1] O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

[2] Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

[3] When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

[4] What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

[5] For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

[6] Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

[7] All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

[8] The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

[9] O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

What an awesome prophecy concerning Christ. Concerning Jesus the Promised

Messiah. Verse 6 again:

[6] Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

And now, we are on the verge of the New Covenant, we are in the last days of the Old Covenant - speaking of the times of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, and the Book of Hebrews says, verse 7:

[7] Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

[8] Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him.

This is pretty much word for word from Psalm chapter 8. Listen to Psalm 8 from the Septuagint.

1 [For the end, concerning the wine-presses, a Psalm of David.]

Did you catch that. The very first verse says that the prophecy, the prophecy contained in Psalm 8 - was for the end. What end is he talking about? It's the same end spoken of every time from the messengers of the Old World - beginning with Jacob when he gathered his sons together in Genesis chapter 49 to tell them the things that would take place at the end. Psalm 8 is about the end of the Old Covenant World - and the establishing of the New. What about concerning the wine-presses? That's a little random isn't it? Go back to Genesis chapter 49. Let's read from verse 1 again.

[1] And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

[2] Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

[3] Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

[4] Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

[5] Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

[6] O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they

digged down a wall.

[7] Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

[8] Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

[9] Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

[10] The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

[11] Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

[12] His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

This is talking about Jesus. Jacob knew it. David knew it. Listen to these 12 verses from the Septuagint.

AND Jacob called his sons, and said to them, 2 Assemble yourselves, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear me, sons of Jacob; hear Israel, hear your father. 3 Ruben, thou [art] my first-born, thou my strength, and the first of my children, hard to be endured, [hard and] self-willed. 4 Thou wast insolent like water, burst not forth with violence, for thou wentest up to the bed of thy father; then thou defiledst the couch, whereupon thou wentest up. 5 Simeon and Levi, brethren, accomplished the injustice of their cutting off. 6 Let not my soul come into their counsel, and let not mine inward parts contend in their conspiracy, for in their wrath they slew men, and in their passion they houghed a bull. 7 Cursed be their wrath, for it was willful, and their anger, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. 8 Juda, thy brethren have praised thee, and thy hands shall be on the back of thine enemies; thy father's sons shall do thee reverence. 9 Juda is a lion's whelp: from the tender plant, my son, thou art gone up, having couched thou liest as a lion, and as a whelp; who shall stir him up? 10 A ruler shall not fail from Juda, nor a prince from his loins, until there come the things stored up for him; and he is the expectation of nations. 11 Binding his foal to the vine, and the foal of his ass to the branch [of it], he shall wash his robe in wine, and his garment in the blood of the grape.

It's consistent. The last days were prophesied in the Old World, and they were fulfilled in Christ. Psalm 8, verse 2 from the Septuagint. Well, start with 1 again.

[For the end, concerning the wine-presses, a Psalm of David.] 2 O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is thy name in all the earth! for thy magnificence is exalted above the heavens. 3 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou perfected praise, because of thine enemies; that thou mightest put down the enemy and avenger. 4 For I will regard the heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and stars, which thou hast established. 5 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 6 Thou madest him a little less than angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honour; 7 and thou hast set him over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet: 8 sheep and all oxen, yea and the cattle of the field; 9 the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, the [creatures] passing through the paths of the sea. 10 O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is thy name in all the earth!

It was promised by God through the prophets, that in the last days, the Son of man would come, and God would put all things under His feet. And this chapter is clearly saying that it's talking about Authority. The Authority of Jesus Christ and His Father has been reclaimed. It has been reestablished from the last days and it is the way things are supposed to be in the New World - in the New World in which the Book of Hebrews was speaking of. Now, back to Hebrews chapter 2, the end of verse 8:

But now we see not yet all things put under Him.

Why? Because they were still in the Old World. They were absolutely, positively, without any shadow of a doubt - in the Last Days of that world - but there was still a little unfinished business yet to tend to. And of course, the Words of Jesus, which the writer so stringently warned should be heeded. When the temple would be destroyed, not one stone left standing upon another - that's when the official end of the Old World took place. So the writer of the Book of Hebrews is just saying there's still some unfinished business yet. But when the end would take place - all these things would be fully realized for the world to come, whereof they spoke. Verse 9:

[9] But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

[10] For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

[11] For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for

which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

[12] Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the Ekklesia

congregation according to Mr. Tyndale is a good translation for the word, as long as people understand that congregation - back in the 1400s meant the Government of the community. It was not a weekend social organization. It was Government. And when it speaks of Ekklesia - it is referring to the Government of God. It's not talking about a weekend social organization, and it is absolutely not speaking about an organization that exists from the creation of the state. That is one of the most blasphemous things that men have ever come up with.

in the midst of the Ekklesia will I sing praise unto thee.

[13] 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;

I get it. I understand. For almost 40 years I've had people object to the use of the word "might" here as found in the KJV. And they'll ignore everything else that was said - and they'll hold to that word might and say, "Aha, it didn't say he DID destroy Him that had the power of death, that is the devil, it says He *might* destroy Him."

The Wycliffe Bible translation of the 1300s said it this way. This was the first English translation. It differs from Tyndale because Wycliffe was translated from the Latin, whereas Tyndale translated from the Greek. It says it this way:

Therefore for children communed to flesh and blood, and he also took part of the same, that by death he should destroy him that had lordship of death, that is to say, the devil,

15 and that he should deliver them that by dread of death [and should deliver them that by dread of death], by all life were bound to servage.

Mr. Tyndale's translation from the 1400s said it this way:

14 For as moche then as the children were parte takers of flesshe and bloud he also him silfe lyke wyse toke parte with them for to put doune thorow deth him that had lordshippe over deeth that is to saye the devyll

15 and yt he myght delyver the which thorow feare of deeth were all their lyfetye in dauger of bondage.

So in the first 2 English Bibles the word might wasn't used as if Jesus could have done it if He had wanted to. That's ridiculous. When He rose from the dead, He absolutely conquered death. That wasn't something that He could have done or might have done. He did it. He conquered death. And as you know, I'd make an argument that He did that even before His own resurrection. When He raised Lazarus from the dead, He unequivocally made the statement, "Whoso liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die." We are either going to believe that or not. I know what I believe. I will take the Word of Jesus every single time.

The 1599 Geneva translated it this way:

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himselfe likewise tooke part with them, that hee might destroye through death,

Stop right there. Geneva translators used the word might.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himselfe likewise tooke part with them, that hee might destroye through death,

The question I would ask immediately after stopping right here. Did He destroy death? What exactly did He accomplish with Himself partaking with flesh and blood, then going through His execution? Did He do that so that He might destroy death? Better be careful how you answer that one. Because that is exactly what He did. And if someone wants to put that into the future - there is no doubt that is a denial of Jesus Christ.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himselfe likewise tooke part with them, that hee might destroye through death, him that had the power of death, that is the deuil,
2:15 And that he might deliuer all them, which for feare of death were all their life time subiect to bondage.

Whatever this thing called the devil, Satan, whatever it was, Jesus destroyed it. So stop worrying about what's under your bed at night. I can't believe people would do this to their impressionable young children. But then again, the world is so consumed by keeping people in fear - why not tell your little children about this devil that's hiding out

to get them. To torture them. To make them buy dresses at gunpoint. I told you this before, I can remember as a little kid after being forced to play “church” and I took it so seriously. One night before going to bed, I was so concerned and troubled and scared about the devil, I opened the door to my bedroom, and stepped back into the hallway and started running and took a flying leap to get into my bed so the devil couldn't grab my ankles. Just disgusting. Unbelievable that parents would do those things to their precious children. Allow them to have such fears in their impressionable years.

Instead of focusing on the All-Conquering, reigning King of kings and Lord of lords, the One Who destroyed the devil, the One Who defeated whatever this Satan was, instead of focusing on the extreme privilege and honor of serving this great King - we cause our children to focus on boogeymen and fairytales of made up things that do not exist.

Then again, why not add this devil to all the other lies they tell their children. Like Satan Claus, I mean Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, men's little g “governments”, nuclear bombs, the evil Russians, Boris and Natasha, the demon possessed Palestians, and on and on. Verse 15. Every bit as important as the devil being destroyed;

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

It's fear. Little children taught to live in fear as soon as they are able to comprehend. And again, instead of their focus on the All-Conquering reigning King, everything in their life is geared towards fearing. Fearing the devil, fearing the “government” - fear fear fear.

When you understand Fulfilled Bible Prophecy. When you understand that the Kingdom of God is right now and God has put all things under the foot of His Son - and then we are sons, we are joint- heirs with Christ - it's amazing how much the fear gives way to boldness to live and breathe and move and have our being in Christ. Finish the chapter.

[16] For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

[17] Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

[18] For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Turn to Romans chapter 16. Again, for those of you who already know where we are going, bear with me. Begin with verse 1, please.

[1] I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the Ekklesia which is at Cenchrea:

[2] That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

[3] Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

[4] Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the congregations of the Gentiles.

[5] Likewise greet the congregation that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

[6] Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

[7] Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

[8] Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

[9] Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

[10] Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household.

[11] Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

[12] Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

[13] Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

[14] Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.

[15] Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.

[16] Salute one another with an holy kiss. The Ekklesias of Christ salute you.

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

[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.

[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. The grace of

our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

That was it. That was the last chapter of the Book of Romans. Paul comforts these believers with the promise that whatever Satan meant to them - whatever their understanding of what this Satan was - the God of peace was going to bruise Satan under their feet. That's all that really needed to be said in order to understand it. Under their feet. That was the Christians living at Rome in the first century. And, he added the word shortly. The time of this bruising of this Satan was under their feet and it was going to be done shortly.

Now again, the limitations of our understanding, of failing to understand the meanings of words that were written hundreds of years ago.

Mr. Strong's Concordance says this about the word bruise - as in bruise Satan. Forty nine 37 in the Greek concordance. It's soon-tree'-bo and it means

συντρίβω syntribō, soon-tree'-bo; from G4862 and the base of G5147; to crush completely, i.e. to shatter (literally or figuratively):—break (in pieces), broken to shivers (+ -hearted), bruise.

Mr. Thayer's Greek Lexicon says pretty much the same thing.

to tread down: τὸν Σατανᾶν ὑπὸ τοὺς πόδας (by a pregnant construction (Winers Grammar, § 66, 2 d.)), to put Satan under foot and (as a conqueror) trample on him, Romans 16:20; to break down, crush:

This bruise is not a bluish-yellow mark on your skin. It's complete annihilation. Destroyed utterly. Crushed completely. And in Romans 16 there is absolutely not a shred of language that even hints at futurism. As in thousands of years later. It is under their feet and it is shortly.

The Tyndale version says

The God of peace treade Satan vnder youre fete shortly.

Wow, Charlie, tread under your feet - that's not nearly as defeat sounding as bruise? Again, our lack of understanding of words from hundreds of years ago is the problem.

In 1828, and that's even almost 400 years after the Tyndale version, Noah Webster said the word tread meant:

1. *To press under the feet.*
2. *To beat or press with the feet; as, to tread a path; to tread land when too light; a well trodden path.*
3. *To walk in a formal or stately manner.*
He thought she trod the ground with greater grace.
4. *To crush under the foot; to trample in contempt or hatred, or to subdue. Psalms 44:5.*

I just wonder, do church people read their Bibles at all? How is all this explained away?

Well, again, we know how it's done. It's perspective. If a man's perspective of the Bible is futurist, then he will read passages such as Hebrews 1 and 2 and miss it altogether. He'll read passages such as Romans 16:20 and will miss it altogether. But the Scriptures are clear. They are easy to understand once we have the correct perspective and approach.

Well, friends, I am just beat this week. It's been an exceptionally busy week. I'm old and tired. I'm going to end the message early this week. I realize I didn't even get to Who is Israel. I didn't get to some of the fantastic emails that Jeff sent in this week. He had some awesome insight to antichrist. Hopefully, we'll get to those next week.

I also want to show you some more things about the British and what they have done and the role they have played in the present disastrous condition of the world today. So, hopefully, we'll get to some of those things next weekend.