

Message# 343_6-22-2025 – Possessed by Evil Spirits

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

Please remember those who are on the Prayer Request page on the website. Doug sent an update this week. He said he finally got a new leg that fits. I can't imagine - but I'm happy for that. But, he is still battling the seizures. He's trying all he can to fight this without drugs - so please pray that he will find the right remedy.

Before we get started, let me say this. No one speaks for me. No one speaks for what I believe or what I teach. If anyone has questions about what I believe or teach - they should contact me directly. I am not hard to get a hold of. I told you a while back that there were some men who used to listen to me - regularly - and even contribute to the ministry - and they left the faith for the anti-Paul lies. I told you then, that the anti-Paul crowd was a hop-skip-and-a-jump away from being anti-Christ, then being full-blown atheist. At least one of those men made some posts on Facebook this week that verifies what I said. Then, it was reported to me that someone else on Facebook asked, "Is this what Charlie believes, too?" Well, that's a bit aggravating to say the least. Especially from grown men. If you want to know what "Charlie believes" then either listen to the messages that are freely put on line - or contact me directly. I know there are people out there who just hope that I fall for some heresy so they can say, "See, I told you so. All that talk about exclusively following the God of the Bible and not following the world - that was just meaningless." Well, sorry to disappoint. For those looking for excuses not to leave the world and follow Christ - you aren't getting one from me.

Last week's message we talked about how people who do not understand what the Biblical definition of Government is - miss the proper understanding because they - their minds - are possessed with an evil spirit. We're not talking about the exorcist. We're not talking about Amityville. We're talking about anything that opposes the God of the Bible - is evil. And not understanding Biblical, Godly Government is evil. And it's a system of belief, an attitude, an air (a-i-r), a spirit that is evil. If it's not of God - it's evil. It's actually very simple. So simple that that might be why so many people miss it.

The Bible says that Government is to punish evil and praise good. That's it. It's that simple. No amount of screaming, no amount of yelling, no amount of force, not guns, not bombs, not bullets, not jails, prisons or handcuffs - can change the fact that God said - God said - God said that Government is for two purposes only - to punish evil and

to praise good.

Now - here's the most pivotal understanding in the simplicity of the way God said things are to be. Simple, simple, simple. God defines what is evil. And God defines what is good. Man is not allowed to make his own definitions of evil, or his own definitions of good. In the day that men take it upon themselves to make their own definitions of good and evil - that is the day men die. Amazing that such a profound, simple, Bible truth - has been missed by pretty much every person alive in our world today.

And that is because - just like it was in the days of the Book of Revelation - Revelation 18:23:

And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Revelation 12:9:

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

It is apparently no great mystery for the whole world to be deceived. In our lifetime alone, we've seen the great deception of the globe, we've seen the great deception of the world's account of creation, evolution. We've seen great deceptions in their history books. We've seen the whole world deceived by fake attacks such as the sinking of the Maine. Lies about Pearl Harbor. Lies about this attack and that attack. False flags everywhere. Creating wars for the purpose of moving entire civilizations into systems of more and more control. More oppression. More tyranny. Loss of freedom.

For instance, prior to what they called World War 1, you didn't have passports and IDs the way it is today. People freely traveled, for the most part, on God's earth without intervention. "Show me your papers!" Really? Show a piece of paper in order to simply move from one piece of ground to the next? That is absurd. So you go to such wicked, demonic steps as to create wars for the purpose of taking more control over the common man - and people have the gall, the unmitigated gall - to call these entities "government." Truly, yes, people that believe that what controls the world is called

“government” - and even worse - to say that God has Ordained it - God has approved it - are absolutely demon possessed, possessed by the spirits of devils, and Satans if people believe that what the world calls “government” today is Ordained of God.

Lies about 9/11 - and - most of the world - thankfully not all - but most of the world believed it. Lies about covid. Most of the world believed all those lies and still do. Even after the kingdoms of the world were exposed in so many ways - people - I'd say most people - still believe that whole deception.

We are seeing a massive deception today with “space travel.” People actually believe that stuff. You can barely see a 747 flying at 7 miles high - but you can see the “International Space Station” same size as a 747 - and it's supposedly 250 miles high.

I've told you this many times before. I have been in solar for almost 20 years. I was doing solar long before it was cool to do solar. You are not going to power all the things they claim the International Space Station is supposedly doing - with solar panels and batteries. It is not physically possible to do so.

They are lying. They have been lying about nearly every single thing in life - and people still have the audacity to refer to these liars as “government” - and worse than that - as Government that is supposedly Ordained of God - and people are to obey - no matter what. To believe that. To live according to that way of thinking - can only happen when a man's mind, his thoughts, his belief system - is that of demons and devils - and not of God.

I had someone start telling me the other day how evil and how bad AI is. “It's so wicked. It's demonic.” On and on. Then, inside their garage was Trump / Vance posters and pictures of Trump and his third wife (or however many), Melania. I took literally five seconds and typed in on my phone - “Trump and AI.”

From the whitehouse website, headline:

<https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/ai/>

Artificial Intelligence for the American People

The age of artificial intelligence (AI) has arrived, and is transforming everything from healthcare to transportation to manufacturing.

America has long been the global leader in this new era of AI, and is poised to maintain this leadership going forward because of our strong innovation ecosystem. Realizing the full potential of AI for the Nation requires the combined efforts of industry, academia, and government. The Administration has been active in developing policies and implementing strategies that accelerate AI innovation in the U.S. for the benefit of the American people. [Yeah, right.] These activities align with several areas of emphasis: AI for American Innovation, AI for American Industry, AI for the American Worker, and AI with American Values. This AI.gov website provides a portal for exploring these activities in more depth, and serves as a resource for those who want to learn more about how to take full advantage of the opportunities of AI.

Skipping down a little to the “executive order.”

The Trump Administration is committed to strengthening American leadership in artificial intelligence (AI). Recognizing the strategic importance of AI to the Nation’s future economy and security, the Trump Administration established the American AI Initiative via Executive Order 13859 in February 2019. This initiative identified five key lines of effort, including increasing AI research investment, unleashing [yeah, that's right, unleashing - because it's a wild beast] Federal AI computing and data resources, setting AI technical standards, building America’s AI workforce, and engaging with international allies. These lines of effort were codified into law as part of the National AI Initiative Act of 2020.

[And continued through Biden - because one “president” just paves the way for the next.]

In historic actions, the Administration committed to doubling AI research investment, established the first-ever national AI research institutes, issued a plan for AI technical standards, released the world’s first AI regulatory guidance, forged new international AI alliances, and established guidance for Federal use of AI.

To oversee and implement the U.S. national AI strategy, the White House established the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Office in early January 2021, in accordance with the National AI Initiative Act of 2020. This Office serves as the central hub for Federal coordination and collaboration in AI research and policymaking across the government, as well as with private sector, academia, and other stakeholders.

Through these actions of the Trump Administration, together with the unparalleled

enthusiasm and activity of the private sector and academia, the United States remains the world leader [of course] in artificial intelligence. End quote.

My question is. How can someone say how evil, how wicked AI is - and then talk about how great Trump is? Set up shrines in your home to Trump and Melania. I wonder if these people have the naked pictures of Melania in their homes, too. Why not?

I'm just amazed how in-your-face the kingdoms of the world are - and still - so few people seem to get it.

Listen to this headline.

https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-secretary-commerce-says-model-172111761.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAADzTIKgEDMsLnZidIF6Lc-5YGttDEjBC0zZOmM3ThZELEGvqJUgWBS1wKV9xGPIuBkWk7clNHckEtWj1_ocaghQYfrm4P477iPXIlpVdYlq2sM4wo4lrDba8aohJyX_ALi04B2rphkWabxGmsrZJuJCn_M1qhftEjm2YprgZBgNO

This was in Fortune magazine this month, this month, what they call May 2025, quote:

Fortune

U.S. Secretary of Commerce says the 'new model' is factory jobs for life—for you, your kids, and your grandkids

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick [also appointed by Trump, of course] says factory gigs are the "great jobs of the future" that Gen Z could work in for the "rest" of their life—and so could their grandkids. But the workforce's youngest cohort probably won't be running to fill the roles.

Some white-collar workers may be on the brink of layoffs thanks to AI, but the secretary of commerce says they will always have a place in America's factories. As the U.S. puts up high tariffs and curbs immigration, the administration hopes to fuel an intergenerational manufacturing boom.

"It's time to train people not to do the jobs of the past, but to do the great jobs of the future," Howard Lutnick told CNBC this week.

"This is the new model, where you work in these plants for the rest of your life, and your kids work here, and your grandkids work here." End quote.

Are you serious? Either the "government types" the demons and devils who fill the positions in the kingdoms of the world are incredibly stupid - or they just know that the people who believe in the kingdoms of the world are even stupider. The man just laid out what used to be "American slavery" said for the whole world to see - corporations - the factories - are what used to be called plantations. The plantations had families - parents, kids, grandkids - they are lived and stayed and worked on the plantations - for the rest of their lives. The man had the nerve to say that the new model for americans is a plantation. People to them - are slaves. Do they have to say - "You are our slaves" before people can read the writing on the wall?

Why is it that every city in america is exploding with apartment buildings? Do they know something that the rest of us don't? Why is that? It's because the people that run the kingdoms of the world said that by the year 2030 - people will own nothing and be happy. They want people to live in places where they do not need to travel more than 15 minutes from their apartments.

When I talk to people about the explosion of the apartment buildings everywhere - the first obvious question is - "Where will all the people come from to live in the apartments?"

I think the answer is pretty simple - at least when you pay attention to what's going on around us. All these people out there who think Trump is so great. The man who allies himself with such demon possessed people like Elon Musk. Here's what we know about Musk. One of the many things that we know about Musk.

Elon Musk has expressed support for the concept of universal basic income (UBI), particularly in the context of potential widespread job displacement - [particularly in the context of potential widespread job displacement] - due to artificial intelligence and automation. He envisions a future where AI and robots perform most human labor, leading to a potential surplus of goods and services, and suggests that UBI could be necessary to provide a safety net and ensure a basic standard of living for everyone. Musk has even gone further, suggesting that the abundance created by AI could lead to a "universal high income" rather than just a basic one. End quote.

What absolute idiots.

Hmmm. That's interesting. Basic Universal Income. In other words, the “government” supposedly pays everyone an amount of “money” - for nothing. Yeah, right for nothing. Could Basic Universal Income mean “free” housing in all these apartment buildings that are exploding all over the place? Sure. I can see most of the people in this society jumping on the idea of free housing. But there are strings. Always strings. Fifteen minute cities, 15 minute life - for Basic Universal Income.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

AI and Job Displacement:

Musk believes that advancements in AI and automation will eventually make many human jobs obsolete, particularly in physical and manual labor.

He's an idiot if he actually believes that.

UBI as a Solution:

He sees UBI

“Universal Basic Income” - it's just another massive welfare system.

as a potential solution to address the unemployment and economic hardship that could result from widespread job displacement caused by AI.

"Universal High Income":

Musk has also proposed that the increased productivity generated by AI could lead to a situation where everyone has access to a high level of income, not just a basic one.

Focus on Meaning and Purpose:

He acknowledges that the shift to an AI-powered economy raises questions about the meaning of human life when machines can perform most tasks,

Well, machines can't perform most tasks.

suggesting that humans may need to find meaning in guiding and giving purpose to AI.

Historical Context:

It's worth noting that the idea of UBI has been around for a long time, predating Musk's advocacy, according to The MIT Press Reader. While it's not yet a mainstream policy in most countries, there have been numerous pilot programs and discussions about its potential impact. End quote.

This is all an attack on God. God is the One Who said six days shall you work. And these

people say you no longer need to work. And you'll get a Universal Basic Income - or even a Universal High Income. These are rebellious, God-hating deceivers.

These are some of the things that nearly every single person in the world today believes is "government." And who pushes it the most on people? "Churches." The "churchmen" have lied and defrauded the people into believing that all of that is God Ordained "government" and people are commanded by God to obey or die. Friends, I'm telling you - that is what it means to be possessed by devils, to be possessed by demons and satans.

The kingdoms of the world, the kingdoms of men are operated by the exact same spirit, the exact same tradition, the exact same mindset of the devil, Satan, the dragon, the old serpent - as is described in our Bibles. The kingdoms of the world, the kingdoms of men are not God Ordained. They are in place to war against the Kingdom / Government of God and to war against any man, woman boy or girl that desires to follow Christ and to live in His Government. The only way people cannot see these simple truths - is that they are possessed with the spirit, the beliefs, the way of thinking - which controls the way of living - as devils and satans.

As we have done in most of the messages in this series, please turn to Matthew chapter 4 and let's read the first several verses, then we'll move on from there.

[1] Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

[2] And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungred.

[3] And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

[4] But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

To me, in my admittedly simplistic way of thinking, I just can't see how this can be any plainer. I don't know how the written Word of God could be any clearer. Man is to live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Man is not to live according to the words of men. Beyond this -

Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other

commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Men are not to be in the business of telling other men what they can and cannot do. Where they can and cannot go. How they can work and how they can't work.

I'm actually a little surprised that someone hasn't asked me about the relationship between children and their parents. Dads tell their children all the time what they can and can't do, where they can go and where they can't go - at least Dad's are supposed to do that. Well, yes. When I was growing up living at home, my Dad could tell me what to do and I was expected to obey. But that was my Dad telling me what to do. That wasn't my Dad telling everyone else's kids what to do. Let alone, that wasn't my Dad telling other Dad's what to do.

That's not the same as men calling themselves "government" and demanding that everyone live the way they say to live. I don't want to live in a 15 minute city. I don't want to be forced to drive an electric vehicle. I don't want everything in my life tracked and recorded. I don't want to pay for things that are diametrically opposed to the way God said things should be. I don't believe in their fake globe and their fake Nasa and their fake space travel, and their fake evolution and their fake stars that are "trillions and trillions" of miles away. I don't believe in their "public school system." I don't believe in taking hardearned money - for lack of better word - away from people without their consent - to fund all sorts of projects and things that I don't agree with.

The God Ordained Government that I am required to submit to is the one that punishes evil and praises good - according to the exclusive definitions of good and evil right and wrong as defined by God and God alone. The corporations and agencies and departments that make up the kingdoms of the world are not Ordained of God. They are the exact same things that came against Christ in Matthew 4 - and Christians are not to participate with them - just exactly the way Christ refused to and was our example. Verse 5.

[5] Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple,

[6] And saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.

Huh. Everything I said about the kingdoms of the world...ditto that for the manmade religions of the world. The “churches, the temples, the synagogues, the dioceses.” Matthew chapter 4 tells us that satans and devils operate those, too.

[7] Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

[8] Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

[9] And saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.

[10] Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

[11] Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

It has truly been a fascinating transformation that people have been so persuaded to accept and believe that the kingdoms of the world - shown here so clearly as being possessed by the devil - that somehow those exact same kingdoms have become God Ordained and that people are to submit to them and obey them - or die. How is this even possible? The only explanation is that their minds are possessed by something other than being possessed, owned, by the mind of Christ.

Let this mind be in you - the mind of Christ. We are to have the mind of Christ. The mind that rejected the kingdoms of the world and was committed exclusively to the Words of God.

Now to where we left off last week. There is a story in our Bibles - that, like many other stories in there - in my opinion have deeper understandings than what appears to be on the surface. I just don't believe the Bible is a Book just for bedtime stories for the kiddies. The following is a great example. Turn to Mark chapter 5 and begin with verse 1.

[1] And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

[2] And when He was come out of the ship, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

[3] Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

First of all, we need to realize that this text tells us about a man. This is a man who had an unclean spirit. The text says this man had an unclean spirit. Now before minds run off into Hollywood thinking about the movie The Exorcist, or Amityville Horror or Damien - we better stop for a minute and think about this word unclean. Just like so many other words in our Bibles - we have to go to the beginning of the Book to find proper meanings. The word unclean has already been found in our Bibles more than 200 times prior to this Mark chapter 5 and it refers to not obeying the Laws that God gave Moses. It's not some new understanding that was developed by Hollywood or by some catholic priest. Look at Strong's.

ak-ath'-ar-tos

not cleansed, unclean

1. in a ceremonial sense: that which must be abstained from according to the levitical law

2. in a moral sense: unclean in thought and life

The text is not talking about man's ideas concerning what “demon possession” is.

impure (ceremonially, morally (lewd) or specially, [and it says that those things are] (demonic)):—*foul, unclean.*

From Mr. Thayer:

ἀκάθαρτος, -όν, (καθαίρω) [from Sophocles down], in the Sept. equivalent to κηϋ, not cleansed, unclean;

a. in a ceremonial sense, that which must be abstained from according to the levitical law, lest impurity be contracted: Acts 10:14; Acts 11:8 (of food); Acts 10:28; 1 Corinthians 7:14 (of men); 2 Corinthians 6:17 (from Isaiah 52:11, of things pertaining to idolatry); Revelation 18:2 (of birds),

b. in a moral sense, unclean in thought and life (frequent in Plato): Ephesians 5:5; τὰ ἀκάθαρτα τῆς πορνείας, Revelation 17:4 (according to the true reading); πνεύματα, demons, bad angels [in twenty-three passages of the Gospels, Acts, and Revelation]: Matthew 10:1; Matthew 12:43; Mark 1:23, 26; Mark 3:11, etc.; Luke 4:33, 36; Luke 6:18, etc.; Acts 5:16; Acts 8:7; Revelation 16:13; Revelation 18:2 (πνεύματα πονηρά in Matthew 12:45; Luke 7:21; Luke 8:2; Luke 11:26; Acts 19:12f, 15f).

We're not talking about spinning heads here. But it's called demonic.

Then spirit. The rational soul. It's a man's being. His thoughts, his beliefs, the rational soul within a man that causes him to live this way or that way. There's no great mystery here. This is not Hollywood or mystical "churchism."

[4] Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

I'm thinking more of Ernest T. Bass from the Andy Griffith Show.

[5] And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

[6] But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped Him,

For those of you who have heard me preach for many years, you know that I rarely go off with my own ideas about passages of the Bible. But I do say that we are to constantly look for the principles involved in all the stories. Whether those stories are to be taken literally, actually, or whether they are there for the principles. It is the principles that we are to gather from all the stories. And this, I believe is the same thing. It is my personal belief, you can take it or leave it, but it's my personal belief this is talking about the kingdoms of the world and the fact that Christ was getting ready to bring them down, take away their dominion, take away their control of the people.

Just like in Matthew 4 where the devil was trying to win Christ over to the kingdoms of the world and they lost - here, too - is a struggle for the kingdoms of the world - a last ditch effort, if you will. This man - in this story - represents the kingdoms of the world. Watch.

[7] And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of the most high God? I adjure Thee by God, that Thou torment me not.

[8] For He said unto Him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

[9] And He asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

He said his name was Legion. Of all the names that God could have chosen to have this man's name recorded as. For all of history. For all the rest of time. Why the name Legion? This is what I believe is the significance here. The link is in the notes.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_legion

Quote:

The Roman legion (Latin: legiō, Latin: [ˈlɛɡioː]) was the largest military unit of the Roman army, composed of Roman citizens serving as legionaries. During the Roman Republic the manipular legion comprised 4,200 infantry and 300 cavalry. After the Marian reforms in 107 BC, the legions were formed of 5,200 men and were restructured around 10 cohorts, the first cohort being double strength. This structure persisted throughout the Principate and middle Empire, before further changes in the fourth century resulted in new formations of around 1,000 men. End quote.

This passage is not talking about Sally Fields playing Norma Rae in a movie about a woman being possessed by multiple demons. This story is about Jesus casting out - whether it was literal - or whether it was figurative - it's about Jesus casting out the kingdoms of the world - which was symbolised by the Roman army - called Legion. Which is also called devils in our Bibles.

Keep going, verse 10.

[10] And he besought Him much that He would not send them away out of the country.

[11] Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

[12] And all the devils besought Him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

[13] And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

[14] And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

[15] And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

[16] And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

[17] And they began to pray Him to depart out of their coasts.

[18] And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him that he might be with Him.

There are people who believe this whole story is just a fable. They do not believe that this story is to be taken literally. I am not one of those. I tend to believe that the story actually happened like the text says - but - the story is used to establish a principle. And that principle is again that Christ brought down the kingdoms of the world and now requires everyone to enter into His Government.

It is, I believe, no coincidence that the devils were forced into swine and then the swine ran into the sea and were choked. It is no coincidence that the animal chosen was swine. Strong's says that the swine was an uncertain derivative of a hog. It is also no coincidence that one of the emblems of the Roman Legion was a boar, a hog, swine.

In our Bibles, devils, demons, satans, serpents and dragons - are used as symbols of man's "governments" - the kingdoms of the world.

I started this series in showing that the word devil in the very beginning passages of our Bibles was used to refer to kings that were not of God. The kingdoms of the world - are kingdoms - they are "governments" that are not of God.

In the Law God gave Moses, the most abominable animal discussed is the swine, the pig, the hog, the boar. It is called unclean. In the Mark 5 story, we see unclean - that which was not cleansed by the Law God gave Moses. Foreign kings, kings that did not come under the Law God gave Moses. They were called devils. All of this is intertwined.

I found this interesting concerning the Mark 5 passage. This is only an excerpt. I haven't read the whole document. For all I know the whole rest of it may be total garbage - but I found this interesting. Quote:

William Harwood writes in Mythology's Last Gods:

"Since the fall of the city a few months earlier [in 70 C.E.], Jerusalem had been occupied by the Roman Tenth Legion [X Fretensis], whose emblem was a pig. Mark's reference to about two thousand pigs, the size of the occupying Legion, combined with his blatant designation of the evil beings as Legion, left no doubt in Jewish minds that the pigs in the fable represented the army of occupation. Mark's fable in effect promised that the messiah, when he returned, would drive the Romans into the sea as he had earlier driven their four-legged surrogates." End quote.

Why would that story or that conclusion be hard to understand among Israelites? Was

there another time in the history of Israel that God destroyed the representatives - an army and their leader - destroyed the representatives of the kingdoms of the world - in the sea? Was there another time where God led the representatives of man's "government" to their destruction in the sea? Of course. Egypt being one of the biggest examples of the kingdoms of the world in our Bibles. Egypt, a great enslaver of God's people. And God, by Moses, led His people out of that kingdom of the world - to the Promised Land where they could again have the opportunity to live according to the exclusive Laws of God.

This story from Mark 5 is another comparison to the history of Israel. God sent Moses to deliver His people from the kingdoms of the world. In Mark 5, now it is Christ, now it is the Messiah that is sent to deliver God's people from the kingdoms of the world. First it was Egypt. Later it was Babylon. Now it was Rome. Christ - the greatest Deliverer of them all - delivering God's people from the kingdoms of the world.

Listen, friends, I realize - just like you do - that this world is in an entire state of deception right now. And when you think about it, if you dwell on it, it can be overwhelming. But what we all need to realize is that our responsibility - each and every one of us - to God today - is not to change the world. Our job today is to make sure that we - each and everyone of us - are working on a change in each of us. The world will not change if we do not change. One by one - we all must commit to making sure that we stay true to the Government of God.

We are all commanded to come out of the kingdoms of men. And we know that the kingdoms of men have an incredible stronghold on the world today - but we - each one of us - need to be focused on what we can control - and that is our individual lives.

We must be committed to following Christ, following the Shepherd - having our minds possessed by the good, by the right. No matter whether the rest of the world is interested or not - we must stay true and focused on the only God Ordained Government in the world today - and that is the Government of God.