

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE END TIMES Week 11: Present Clues of a Future Agenda, Part 2 July 10, 2022 Instructor: Steve Schmutzer

I. REVIEW:

- A. We are winding up this initial foundational study into the Nephilim.
- **B.** I am finding that there are a growing number of Biblical scholars and prophecy buffs who feel as I do. That properly understanding this "seed war" which was declared by God back in *Genesis 3:15,* and which first manifested in *Genesis 6:1-4,* is an important framework for understanding Bible prophecy.
- **C.** We've reached a point where we are looking at the puzzle pieces that form <u>the future</u> of these same themes.
 - A. We saw how Daniel explains in **Daniel. 2:43** that "....they will mingle themselves with the seed of men." This is a prophecy about the very end of time, and he positions "they" and "men" as two different sources.
 - B. We saw that Jesus said in **Matthew 24:37** and in **Luke 17:26**, "....as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." Jesus Himself said specific conditions on earth at the end of human history would be like they were at the start of human history.
 - *C.* We studied the Greek term "therion" which is the root word underneath calling the antichrist "the beast." We saw how that word is used to describe "a creature," and how it is unlikely that this was merely a zoomorphic description of the antichrist's behaviors.
 - *D.* We saw how the antichrist AND the false prophet are both captured alive and thrown into the Lake of Fire as hell's first two occupants in *Revelation 19:20.*
 - *a.* We noted that they bypass the Great White Throne Judgement which all of faithless humanity from all ages is required to appear before.
 - *b.* This is a huge clue that the antichrist and the false prophet are either (a.) not human, or (b.) not fully human.
 - *E.* We saw how those who take the Mark of the Beast are not just making a decision from which they can later repent.
 - a. Rather they are choosing to do something to themselves which likely makes them unredeemable. This is why the angel warns them that taking the mark is a one way ticket to hell.
 - b. I stated that my personal conclusion is that those who take the Mark of the Beast are taking <u>into their bodies</u> an element OF the antichrist.
 - c. Besides this action causing them to break out in painful sores (*Revelation* 16:2), I believe it results in sufficient and willful genetic alteration such that those recipients of The Mark are no longer 100% in the image of God.
 - *F.* Lastly, we saw how the Nephilim themselves are unredeemable, for they are a violation of God's created order and they also are not in the image of God.

NOTE: These are not all the puzzle pieces we could consider as we contemplate how the Nephilim agenda may manifest in the future, but they do provide some strong clues about it. Today, we will try to tie all these together as we wrap up this fascinating portion of our study.

- II. What is THE LIE? (Note: to understand the question, look at 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12.a. We need to grasp the context of these two verses.
 - b. In *vs.* **1** *of* **2** *Thessalonians Ch.* **2***,* this is information which surrounds, and follows, the Rapture of the church.
 - 1. Paul systematically moves from a key pivot point (The Rapture), into those events which then follow it.
 - For example, in vs. 3, he says, "Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for THAT DAY will not come until THE falling away (or THE apostasy) comes first...." (NOTE: this is a very important verse and we'll be studying it in depth later)
 - 3. For our purposes today, I will tell you that I believe, as Dr. Andy Woods and others do, that the Greek term 'apostasia' is used here, as it is used elsewhere in the New Testament, to describe a physical departure rather than a spiritual decline.
 - 4. This would be consistent with the context of **2** *Thessalonians Ch.* **2** which Paul states in *vs.* **1** as being about *"…our being gathered to Him."*
 - 5. But observe that 'THAT day' (a clear reference to the Day of the Lord, AKA 'The Tribulation' will not come until THE 'apostasia' comes.
 - 6. It also takes this 'falling away,' or this 'apostasia' for the man of lawlessness (the antichrist) to be revealed.
 - 7. I believe the Bible teaches clearly that there is an order: <u>First</u>, the Rapture takes place, and the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit, working through the church, is suddenly out of the picture (*Cf. 2 Thess 2:7*)
 - 8. <u>Second</u>, that creates the conditions for the revealing of the antichrist and the onset of The Tribulation. Again, we're going to do a deep dive on these issues later.
 - But third, this departure of the church in The Rapture sets up THE LIE in 2 Thessalonians 2:11, which is also synonymous with *"a powerful delusion"* earlier in that verse.
 - 10. Whatever this powerful delusion is, whatever THE LIE is, it is precipitated by the removal of the church.
 - 11. And <u>fourth</u>, this powerful delusion called THE LIE is contrasted in **vs. 12** with *"the truth."* Whatever this powerful delusion is, it is something which suppresses the truth of God's Word, and it advances a different message instead.

- 12. That's a look at the context of this concept known as THE LIE (or also known as the "powerful delusion").
- c. I believe THE LIE is indeed a powerful delusion in the sense that the old adage, 'seeing is believing,' will be at play (People who are left behind will see something that causes them to believe THE LIE). Their senses will convince them.
 - 1. This raises the question, "What will they see?" or "What alternate message will they encounter after the church has been removed from the earth?"
 - 2. Whatever it is, it will condemn them if they choose to believe it.
 - 3. We get some hints about THE LIE in *vs. 9 of 2 Thessalonians:2.*
 - a. In *vs. 9*, the subject of the arrival of the antichrist is discussed.
 - b. And the arrival of the antichrist is accompanied by supernatural phenomena ("....counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and the works of Satan)
 - c. Said another way, the arrival of the antichrist on the world scene is not just a political ascent that is confined to normal human processes and events
 - d. Rather, it is a process that is directly associated with supernatural events, counterfeit miracles, and the paranormal
 - e. All of these dynamics contribute to THE LIE people will believe what they are seeing because it is very convincing.
 - 4. Remember, these are the people who have already "....refused to love the truth and so be saved."
 - f. They have rejected the Gospel, they have turned away from God's laws and God's values.
 - g. I would add that they hated God's people, they hated the 'restraining influence' of righteousness, and they embraced lawlessness.
 - h. They have wanted to believe anything BUT the truth, and so now they fall victim to a "powerful delusion" that God sends to them instead.
 - 5. Let me just cut to the chase here. I firmly believe that "aliens" will show up almost immediately AFTER the Rapture (Obviously, I don't believe in aliens, but I DO believe in fallen angels who can show up in whatever form they choose).

I believe the case is becoming stronger every day that there will be a dramatic and convincing return of the fallen angels and the Nephilim into the sphere of daily human experience - <u>almost immediately after The Rapture</u>. It serves no purpose for these entities to delay this manifestation.

II. WHAT THE RETURN OF THE NEPHILIM WILL ACCOMPLISH:

- A. They will enter the physical affairs of mankind, will disclose themselves without any limitations, and they will communicate directly with the 'earth dwellers' who are left behind (NOTE: 'earth dwellers').
- B. They will convince "those who refused to love the truth and so be saved" that God is just a concept and not a reality.
- C. They will persuade mankind that God did not create the heavens and the earth, but THEY did instead.
- D. They will convince unregenerate humanity, including many who once thought they were Christians, that they seeded humanity on this earth and that other intelligent lifeforms in other galaxies made this world come about.
- E. They will disclosure themselves (and their technology) as beings from another galaxy or whatever.'
- F. Because they will claim something to the effect that they put humanity on this earth in far ancient times, they will also claim they removed those Christians who were unable or unwilling to evolve to the next level.
- G. The motive to all of this is nothing more than to explain away The Rapture. They cannot allow the truth of what happened to gain any root. This all constitutes THE LIE and it serves to advance a powerful delusion that will deceive many people.
- H. I also feel that a big component of their argument at that time will be the earth needs to 'heal, recover, and enter a new age.' They will say that none of this would be possible with the fuddy-duddy Christians and their influence around.
- I. This message aligns very well with the 'earth dwellers' and their 'climate change religion' which has already infected millions of globalist-socialist-progressive-utopianists which embrace all of this already.
- J. Our own nation has been decimated economically, morally, and socially by the radical climate change adherents that believe they need to save Mother Earth from humanity.
- K. Believe me when I say that the unsaved / depraved world will quickly come to celebrate the sudden departure of millions of Christians they have come to see as standing in the way.
- L. I believe the arguments for my statements are not only made in Scripture, but it is the same case that is being made in the secular world today.
 - It's on the evening news now. You can find this case being made on Fox News, on CNN, and every network in between. It's on Breitbart News, Huffington Post, and MSNBC.
 - a. They are all saying the UFOs (AKA UAPs) are NOT from planet earth. They are opening admitting that these phenomena are 'not human technologies.'

- b. Governments are making public documents and files which have been hidden for many years now. These things show that the government knows it is dealing with entities not from this earth.
- c. I believe all these things are being put out into the public now, little by little, a bit at a time, to gradually condition those who will be left behind.
- d. None of these disclosures are being used RIGHT NOW to explain away the Rapture, because that has not yet happened.
- e. Rather, they instead know a day is coming when the 'aliens will show up,' and they are readying the world for their arrival.
- f. (Side comment on the church not dealing with this issue as they ought to: It is self-evident that UFO's exist, that they are a manifestation of the dark side, that there is a reason for their presence, and the truth about them needs to be told. However, the church is staying silent....or even ridiculing the topic.)
- 2. Meantime, the movie and entertainment industry has been doing yeoman's work to fill this vacuum and to condition the masses: superheroes, gods from other galaxies, magnificent figures coming to earth to save humanity from its crises, etc. etc.
 - a. Everything concerning this message is now aligning. I see the ads on YouTube for gaia.com., and they are actively promoting new movie and documentary series which explore how aliens seeded us here on earth, how they are going to come back to help rescue us, and so on.
 - b. It's interesting to note that a couple of their 'documentary' series make clear that some of these aliens will appear as 'god-like' beings who will arrive on massive triangular motherships all over the globe.
 - c. They portray these 'aliens' as beautiful beings of perfection, and appearing in all iterations of present humanity: blond, brown-skinned, muscular, athletic, well-dressed, intelligent, compassionate, etc. etc.
 - d. Literally, for the past couple of decades now, the concept of 'superhumans and god-like beings' coming to earth to save us from ourselves and to restore the earth has been one of the most dominant themes in the movie industry.
 - e. It started all the way back with the earliest comic books, but now an entire generation has grown up being indoctrinated with these false notions.
- 3. This idea is not only supported in the Bible, it's not only made clear in the evening news. It is not only a dominant theme of the entertainment industry, but it is also a key teaching of the New Age Movement.

- a. Douglas Hamp, a prophecy expert and author I have communicated with, and Brad Myers, a research expert in Biblical prophecy that I have had multiple discussions with, both document the same thing.
- b. They both provide evidence that dark spiritual entities are sending consistent messages to leaders within the New Age Movement and to those who embrace 'global cosmic consciousness' (NOTE: The aforementioned Gaia website is a key PR tool for these folks).
- c. These entities claim they are 'aliens.' They also are communicating that the earth will soon go through a period of cataclysmic changes. The descriptions they give are very similar to what the Bible refers to as the Great Tribulation.
- d. The following are quotes from their writings and "revelations:"
 - > Cataclysmic events will come upon the earth
 - > They will help us overcome those events
 - > They will take those that can't or won't evolve to the next level
 - > Those that remain get to evolve to the next level now
 - A man from among us will be raised up with special powers and knowledge
- e. It's worth noting that the Catholic Church has been funding programs and technology to seek out "alien life" for years now.
- f. More recently, the Catholic Church leadership has stated that they expect aliens to show up here very soon, and when they do, they will be worked into the practices and rituals of the Catholic faith.
- g. The book of **Revelations** makes it clear that there will be in the future a one-world religion. I believe it will mostly be an amalgamation of the heresies of the Catholic religion and the occultic New Age philosophies (We will be studying this matter in-depth in lessons to come).
- 4. It's not hard to put two and two together here and see the picture that is gaining focus and the events that are coming:
 - a. By far, most of the church has rejected and ridiculed the teachings and doctrines of Biblical Prophecy.
 - Most Christians today (and many who wrongly believe they are saved) are unable to discuss or defend the times we live in now and the truth about what is coming
 - Not knowing truth from lies, many of these so-called "Christians" will also be left behind and will fall prey to this 'powerful delusion' too
 - Gary Ritter, a minister and author, wrote in a recent article, "I doubt if we're even at a 20-80 split of Bible-believing churches versus those which choose their own beliefs...."

- b. He is probably more right than he is wrong. We're at a point in Christianity where people don't care if you can back it up with the Bible. Their feelings, desires, and emotions override what the Scriptures have to say. They do not follow Jesus Christ, they follow self.
- c. The bottom line is America is not only being destroyed from within by its political leaders, it is also being eroded from within by its spiritual overseers.
- d. When the future we are talking about here arrives, I believe many who were regular church-goers will line up as allies to THE LIE.
- 5. It's terribly important that we take an honest look in the mirror here. *Revelation 3:17* reminds us of the condition of the modern church today.
 - a. It absolutely does not see its own condition for what it really is.
 - b. It thinks it's in a good spot; it thinks it's doing what it needs to be doing. But instead God calls it "wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked."

NOTE: I could say so much more at this point, as the Bible makes the case I am laying out here very clearly. Its position is, we cannot take any comfort in the notion that the church is doing the right thing these days. In fact, we find the church on the wrong side of the equation much of the time.

- 6. The statistics and the studies bring this out:
 - a. According to a study in Christianity Today, only one-third of pastors today believe in The Rapture
 - b. Only half of today's pastors believe the antichrist will eventually come.
 - c. Various studies suggest that up to 80% of Christians today believe in some form of Replacement Theology.
 - d. According to Lifeway Research, 60% of pastors don't believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. (That percentage is even higher in their congregants).
 - Within that group of misguided pastors are included the following denominations: Lutherans (60 percent), Methodists (48 percent) and Presbyterian/Reformed pastors (49 percent).
 - e. Almost half of pastors feel that prophetic issues cause division and should not be taught <u>NOTE: - - let me be very clear. Such pastors</u> <u>do not regard God's Word as they ought to.</u>
 - f. Various studies also conclude that the more educated a pastor is, the less inclined he is to believe in The Rapture
 - g. Pastors under 45 years old are the least likely to believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

- h. 39% of all pastors do not believe the antichrist is a literal individual.
- i. Only 2 in 5 pastors claim to have preached anything from the book of Revelation.

These things may make you uncomfortable, <u>but, it is the truth</u>. Let me remind you of a few things:

Matthew 7:22 reminds us that "many" will find out too late that they were NOT Christians, and they did not have the saving faith they thought they did.

2 Peter **3:3-4** assures us that in the last days there will be a rise of many false teachers, and **one of the hallmarks of false teachers** is their mocking of Biblical prophecy, even specifically the Rapture (We certainly see a lot of that right now).

2 *Timothy 4:3* tells us that we are in a time when much of the church will turn away from sound doctrine, choosing to focus on themes that will 'suit their own desires.' The church will go so far as to find and work with people that will teach what they want to hear instead.

Jude 10 clarifies that many churches and their false teachers will speak abusively against whatever things they do not understand –

- a. Unfortunately, we are certainly seeing this with many pastors who mock prophetic themes, refusing to teach them to their congregations out of resistance or incompetence.
- b. They are, however, ignoring more than one quarter of God's Word in doing so.
- 7. At the same time as the modern church is succumbing to lukewarmness and to doctrines of demons, our world is becoming increasingly hostile to the Christian faith and to those who wish to embrace God's laws and values.
- 8. Looking at the violent passions of the secular-progressive-socialist world right now one must ask: Where is the church?
 - (a.) They want to codify abortion rights at the Federal level, they scream "We love killing babies" as they protest in front of the White House.
 - (b.) They openly talk about assassinating people who vote for and uphold the rights of unborn children.
 - (c.) They harass and threaten lawmakers, politicians, and citizens who are trying to return our nation to justice and to law and order.
 - (d.) They ridicule anyone who does not subscribe to the fallacies of evolution and of climate change.
 - (e.) They boldly engage in fraudulent behavior, deception, cheating, and lawlessness of every sort.

- (f.) They do everything to advance sexual deviancy, including, but not limited to arguing for 50+ gender types, supporting legal pedophilia, promoting transgender reconditioning to elementary students, and advancing a drag agenda.
- (g.) The violence against anyone who thinks for themselves is coming out into the open now. In a recent Rasmussen Poll, 48% of Democrats would support fining or imprisoning anyone who questions the efficacy of the existing COVID-19 'vaccines,' 45% of Democrats favor internment camps for anyone who refuses to get a COVID-19 'vaccine,' and 29% of Democrats support removing parents' custody of their children if the parents refuse to take the 'vaccine.'

NOTE: Here's the plain matter-of-fact bottom line: The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is the restrainer, and He is working through those who are faithful to Him to 'preserve' this world, and to 'flavor' it with truth and righteousness. <u>That is the action of salt.</u>

The Holy Spirit, in the lives of those who are faithful to Jesus Christ, is shedding light on depravity and deception. Truth is still stated, though it is becoming harder to find. Dark deeds are still exposed, though less and less it seems. That is the action of light.

- 9. But the world absolutely HATES the influence of Christians.
 - a. They don't want the truth of the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:10, "....they refused to love the truth and so be saved...")
 - b. They refuse to believe in a God who made this earth and each of us. They'd rather believe aliens put us here. That is why the 'eternal Gospel' to the 'earth dwellers' in *Revelation 14:7* includes the message of Creation.

Because the world HATES the influence of Christians, they also HATE those common sense laws and values which find their origin in God's Word.

- 10. Those laws and values which the world HATES includes things like:
 - a. A respect for the value of human life.
 - b. Two genders, male and female.
 - c. A heterosexual lifestyle (they'd rather embrace homosexuality, pedophilia, and all other sorts of sexual depravities).
 - d. National borders. Nations are an institution of God's design, and they will continue to be His design all the way through the Millennial Kingdom.
 - e. Nationalism. This goes with the last point. Nationalists are despised. The new rage is globalism which is going to be the governing arrangement of the antichrist.

- f. A fair and free democracy. That's why fraud and cheating have been rampant, and it's why socialism, which has never worked well in human history, is going to be the political system of the end times (more on that in a future lesson).
- g. Law and order: The antichrist is stated to be the 'man of lawlessness,' and he will lead many who themselves embrace lawlessness.

In Summary:

- When the Rapture happens, the world will go through a series of jolts and setbacks with the sudden removal of millions of people.
- But fundamentally, the unsaved world that we see growing in force now will rejoice. The patriots, the fuddy-duddies, the conservatives, the Bible-thumpers, etc. etc. will all be gone.
- The fallen angels, I believe, will make a rapid, dramatic, and physical appearance on earth soon after The Rapture. They are already announcing that they will do this. They will mingle themselves with the seed of men according to **Daniel 2:43** and it will be like the days of Noah once again as Jesus declared.
- These fallen angels will convince those who are left behind that they are the "lucky ones", the ones who now get to evolve to the next level. These fallen angels will work supernaturally to do Satan's deceptive work. Many will be convinced since 'seeing is believing.' That includes many who once populated the churches.
- True Christians will not be around en masse to stand against any of this, and the antichrist will come on the scene as a result.
- I personally believe, one of the key messages of the fallen angels will be that the earth needs to heal, the climate needs to return to normalcy, and 'mother earth' needs to be put back onto the path of full health.
- That's part of the reason so many of God's Tribulation Judgments shatter the earth's environment - this exposes the fallen angels' deceptions and the false beliefs of the 'earth dwellers.'